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INDIANS AMONG STUDENTS SEEKING COMPENSATION FROM 36 U.K. UNIVS

Around 500 Indians figure in a larger group of students seeking compensation for not receiving the level of education they paid for during Covid

'COVID CURBS AFFECTED QUALITY OF EDUCATION'

While they paid for in-person teaching and access to university facilities like libraries and studios, their teaching was moved online and facilities were closed for lengthy periods during Covid, Student Group Claim, leading the action said. Fees for online degree courses in the UK are up to 50% less than in-person courses. Universities should have paid that difference, it said

PRE-CLASS ACTION SUIT LETTERS SENT

- Pre-class action letters have been sent to 36 universities including Imperial College, LSE and King's College London. Student Group Claim is inviting more students from 2020-21 year to join its action
- It comes as a confidential settlement was recently agreed by the University College London with about 6,000 of its students

20,000

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ARE PART OF THE CLASS ACTION SUIT

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

GLOBAL INVESTMENTS, COLLABS POUR IN AT A.I. IMPACT SUMMIT

Microsoft, Google, Qualcomm line up to plug into India's AI space

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Google CEO Sundar Pichai in New Delhi | PTI

THE India AI Impact Summit 2026 has seen major stakeholders lining up to announce their plans to invest in and build on India's AI ecosystem. While global majors Qualcomm and Microsoft announced significant investment plans, OpenAI and NVIDIA outlined new partnerships to strengthen the ecosystem and build AI infrastructure. Google also announced the America-India Connect initiative, a subsea cable project aimed at enhancing data connectivity between the US, India and the Southern Hemisphere.

Qualcomm said it would invest $150 million to support India's rapidly expanding technology and AI startup ecosystem. The announcement coincided with Qualcomm CEO Cristiano Amon's participation in the AI summit, which has now been extended by a day till February 21.

Microsoft plans to invest $50 billion by the end of the decade to expand AI access across the Global South. Vice-chair and President Brad Smith and Vice-president and Chief Responsible AI Officer Natasha Crampton said urgent action is needed to prevent a widening AI divide from exacerbating global economic disparities.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced the America-India Connect initiative, a subsea cable project to improve data connectivity between the US, India, and the broader Southern Hemisphere. The announcement followed his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "We believe India is going to have an extraordinary trajectory with AI, and we want to be a partner. To help, we have launched new America-India Connect subsea cable routes, building on our $15 billion investment in India's infrastructure, including a full-stack AI Hub in Vizag," Pichai said.

In addition, Google committed $30 million each for the Government Innovation Impact Challenge, aimed at supporting AI-powered government-to-citizen solutions, and the Science Impact Challenge, a global fund for researchers advancing scientific discovery using AI.

OpenAI, the maker of ChatGPT, announced a major initiative in India to integrate AI across higher education. The programme seeks to help students, faculty, and staff use AI tools responsibly to enhance learning, research, and creativity across disciplines including management, engineering, healthcare and creative arts.

AI chip maker NVIDIA announced partnerships with Larsen & Toubro, Yotta Infrastructure, and E2E Networks to establish advanced 'AI factories' in India. **P11, P15**

Galgotias Univ chucked after robot dog byte

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government has asked Galgotias University, which showcased a Chinese-made robotic dog as its own creation at the India AI Impact Summit, to vacate its booth from the ongoing exhibition.

MeitY secretary S Krishnan said the government expects companies to follow a defined code of conduct and will not encourage plagiarism or misinformation. "We don't want any controversy around the exhibits being presented," he said.

When asked whether the products being showcased were verified or certified, he said these were not meant for sale. "Certification happens when something is meant for public distribution... If we start certifying everything that is exhibited, it could end up stifling innovation and creative work."

The controversy began after a professor from the university claimed in an interview that the AI-powered Chinese robodog was developed by the university's Centre of Excellence.

Following backlash over the false claim, the university issued an apology saying its representative manning the pavilion was "ill-informed".

Further Oppn slide expected in RS biennial polls

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

RIDING high on its strong showings in the Maharashtra and Bihar elections, the NDA appears set to make significant gains by winning at least half of the 37 Rajya Sabha seats going to biennial polls on March 16. The INDIA bloc may have to settle for 10, down from 19 seats.

Based on its legislative strength, the NDA is expected to win 15-18, while nine of its MPs are retiring next month.

The seats will fall vacant on April 2 and 9 following the retirement of several members, including Rajya Sabha deputy chairman Harivansh (JDU), NCP-SP's Sharad Pawar, former Lok Sabha deputy Speaker M Thambidurai (AIADMK), DMK's Tiruchi Siva, Congress' Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Union ministers Ram Nath Thakur (JDU) and Ramdas Athawale (RPI-A).

The vacancies are spread across Maharashtra (7), Odisha (4), Telangana (2), Tamil Nadu (6), Chhattisgarh (2 seats), West Bengal (5), Assam (3), Haryana (2), Himachal Pradesh (1) and Bihar (5). In Maharashtra, the ruling BJP-led alliance is likely to win six seats while the opposition MVA may get one if they put up a united fight. The Congress, the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the NCP-SP are likely to lose one seat each.

No addition

The Congress is likely to win four seats — one each in Telangana, Himachal, Chhattisgarh and Haryana — but will not have any accretion as four of its MPs are retiring

In Tamil Nadu, the ruling DMK is likely to retain four of the six seats, while the AIADMK is expected to secure one. The remaining seat could see a keen contest. It is a matter of speculation if DMK will agree to the Congress demand for one seat amid strained ties.

In Bengal, the ruling TMC is expected to win four seats, and the BJP one. The CPI(M) is expected to lose its sole MP from the state.

Five seats will be up for grabs in Bihar, with RJD and JD(U) holding two each and RLM one. The BJP is expected to claim two seats and the RJD is set to lose both its seats. Notifications for the polls will be issued on February 26.

2014 ORDINANCE

Formal Maha order nullifies 5% Muslim reservation

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government has formally scrapped the 5% reservation for Muslims in government and semi-government jobs and education.

According to a government resolution (GR) issued by the state social justice department on Tuesday night, a 5% reservation was granted to socially and educationally backward Muslim groups under the Special Backward Category in 2014 through an ordinance. However, this ordinance was not converted into a law by passing it through both Houses of the state legislature, and therefore, it has lapsed automatically.

The government has cancelled the earlier decisions and circulars from 2014 and stopped issuing caste and non-creamy layer certificates to Muslims in the Special Backward Category, the GR stated.

The ordinance was issued by the Congress-led government of Prithviraj Chavan ahead of the 2014 Lok Sabha and assembly elections, along with a 16% reservation to the Maratha community. The BJP came to power that year and the ordinance on Muslim reservation was not converted into law.

The Congress on Wednesday accused the Devendra Fadnavis government of being against the welfare of minorities.

Mumbai Congress president Varsha Gaikwad termed the decision as "harmful to democracy" and said that it would push the Muslim community away from the mainstream.

Former state Congress working committee member Naseem Khan said while the Congress-NCP government issued the ordinance in 2014, "the subsequent Devendra Fadnavis government did not take the process forward, and even after the Bombay High Court granted interim relief for 5 per cent educational reservation, its implementation was not ensured".

STUDYING ABROAD

Saketh's death brings focus on mental distress

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

THE death of Saketh Sreenivasaiah, a 22-year-old youth from Bengaluru and a graduate of IIT Madras, at Berkeley Hills in California has shaken the student community and parents who have sent their children abroad for higher studies. Their concerns are around emotional struggles, bank loans, academic pressure and jobs.

A 22-year-old student, who went to the University of Tartu in Estonia under a student-exchange programme to pursue a master's in European studies and international relations, told TNIE under condition of anonymity, "I went there with a lot of excitement but experienced cultural shock and racism as there are not many Indians in Estonia. This added anxiety and stress. On top of that, I was homesick and had no friends at all. I couldn't complete my fourth semester there."

He added, "In the third semester, I got a scholarship of 800 Euros per month, but the expenses were always higher. I had to opt for a part-time job. But getting that too is not easy as one has to have a Temporary Resident Permit, which I could not get for various reasons. It is difficult to survive in other countries when there is no income. Fortunately, when I approached my university back in Karnataka to complete my fourth semester, they agreed and I flew back."

Another student, who went for a research programme in the department of Aerosol Science and Engineering at Washington University in St Louis in the USA, said, "Research labs in foreign universities are totally different from those in India."

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City to face garbage crisis, villagers block waste trucks

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BENGALURU will face a major garbage crisis as villagers from Bellahalli, which is a landfill site, have stopped 250 garbage compactor trucks, demanding that the promised development projects be taken up in their area.

Hemanth Kumar, a resident of Kogilu Cross in the Byatarayanapura Assembly constituency, said that garbage is being dumped near their village for the last 12 years, but no development has taken place. "A huge quarry pit that spreads across Bellahalli, Kannur and Mitganahalli is being used to dump garbage. Villagers here have been made sacrificial lambs to keep Bengaluru garbage-free," he said.

The villagers said an agreement to dump waste here was done when the city was under BBMP, but even after the Greater Bengaluru Authority was formed, there have been no motorable roads, clean drinking water or development of lakes.

"Groundwater and air are heavily polluted in these villages. The villagers had agreed to allow 75 loads of waste daily, but now over 200 truckloads come here. Frustrated with the pollution and lack of development, we have stopped the trucks. There has been no communication from either the GBA or Bengaluru Solid Waste Management officials so far," said Kumar.

The dumpsite spreads across Byatarayanapura and Mahadevapura Assembly constituencies.

A Narayanswamy, who is Mitganahalli Congress block president and a resident of Kannur, said borewell water in the area is badly polluted. Kannur, Gubbi and partly Bidarahalli, which fall under the Mahadevapura Assembly constituency, have been impacted. The protest will be intensified in the coming days. **P2**

PIC: PTI

TWINS BAG SAME JEE MAIN SCORE

Believe it or not, identical twins Mahroof Ahmed Khan and Masroor Ahmed Khan scored an identical 285 in their JEE Main exam as well, hitting the 99.998th percentile. Hailing from Bhubneswar, both appeared for the exam in the same shift at the same centre. Born on May 7, 2008, they studied together throughout, from school to coaching classes in Kota. Their mother, Dr Zeenat Begum, a gynaecologist, said: "We shifted to Kota in 2023 after both qualified for the Science Olympiad. They later decided to pursue JEE coaching."

TARIQUE
SAYS HIS GOVT WILL PROTECT ALL FAITHS

Announcing a 180-day action plan during his first cabinet meeting, Bangladesh's newly-elected Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on Wednesday vowed to turn the country into a safe land for people of all faiths | **P14**

EXPRESS READ

Former ISRO employee strangles wife to death in Bommanahalli apartment

Bengaluru: A 72-year-old former employee of the Indian Space Research Organisation allegedly strangled his wife to death at their apartment in Bommanahalli on Wednesday morning. Police have arrested the accused. He allegedly intended to take his own life after killing his wife | **P3**

Bandipur, Nagarahole safaris to open in two days with curbs

Bengaluru: After nearly a 100-day gap, Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves will restart wildlife safaris with restrictions, Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre said. The safaris will open in another two days. Under the first trial, a maximum of 50 safari vehicles will be permitted per day | **P5**

RANJI TROPHY

J&K's miracle song: Despite conceding lead, team enters historic final

Jammu and Kashmir team celebrates after beating Bengal to enter Ranji Trophy final for the first on Wednesday. They will play Karnataka from Februay 24-28 | PTI

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

UNTIL the middle of third day, the skies were still gloomy. Home team Bengal had taken the lead, Jammu and Kashmir were tottering on the brink. Only a miracle could have saved them. And it came in the form of Auqib Nabi and Sunil Kumar who took four wickets each to skittle Bengal out for just 99. A target of 126 was achievable. On Wednesday they scripted history. Their journey, though fairytale-ish, has had its share of struggles and trepidation.

J&K head coach Ajay Sharma still remembers the day when conceding a first innings lead just by a solitary run deprived them a place in the Ranji Trophy semifinal last season. The last pair of Kerala added 81 runs much to the dismay of the J&K team taking their score to 281 — one run more than J&K's first innings total of 280. That was J&K's third entry into the last-eight stage in 66 years but it ended in a big heartbreak. And he hoped nothing like that happened this time.

J&K came back stronger this season and not only went past the quarterfinals but also made it to their maiden final beating Bengal by six wickets in Kalyani on Wednesday. "That pain was gone when we defeated Madhya Pradesh in Indore to make it to our first semifinal," Sharma told this daily.

For a side that started participating in the premier domestic competition in 1959-60 and waited 23 years for their first win, it's a historic moment. Considered underdogs for decades, J&K made cricket connoisseurs sit up and take notice of them when they entered their maiden quarterfinals in 2013-14. Mismanagement and allegations of financial irregularities led to formation of a three-member sub-committee that comprised Mithun Manhas till he was elected as the BCCI president.

It turned out to be a blessing in disguise as J&K not only got professional coaches and support staff but also saw talent hunt programmes conducted regularly. Left-arm pacer Sunil Kumar was its product. The panel revamped JKCA hostel ground, equipping it with multiple practice wickets, including red soil. Positive changes ushered in positive results. **P17**

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- **Thursday:** 19.02.2026 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
- **Ritu:** Sisira • **Masa:** Phalguna • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Dwitheeya 4.31 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Purvabhadra 9.37 pm • Moon in Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00pm
- **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER

MIN 15°C | MAX 31°C

FORECAST
Broken clouds

Sunrise	06.40 am
Sunset	06.26 pm
Moonrise	07.49 am
Moonset	08.08 pm

GARBAGE WILL BE DUMPED AT YOUR HOUSES: DCM TO BJP MLAs

Shivakumar says their non-cooperation has led to crisis in city

Garbage collection autos and trucks line up in the city on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

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REACTING to the garbage crisis in Bengaluru, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday said BJP MLAs' non-cooperation has led to the problem and warned that garbage would be dumped in front of their houses.

He said, "Action will be taken against those obstructing garbage disposal, whether they are MLAs or anyone else. They will be dealt with no mercy under the ESMA Act. Loads of garbage will be dumped in front of the houses of MLAs or BJP office," he threatened.

On villagers from Billahalli on the outskirts of the city blocking garbage trucks heading to the landfill near the village, he said, "MLAs are blackmailing the government for funds, while objecting to disposing of waste in their constituencies. Manjula Arvind Limbavali and Doddaballapur MLA Dheeraj Muniraju have blackmailed us. If they keep objecting to the disposal of waste in their constituencies, where do we put the garbage? We will have to send it to the homes of R Ashoka, Vijayendra or the BJP party office." He said blackmailing techniques are being used against the government to get funds for their constituencies.

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has purchased two more spots for waste disposal and tenders have been called to set up processing plants. "We will decide on this after attending to a few legalities," he added.

'BJP responsible for lack of funds'

Asked about contractors threatening to stop work over nonpayment of dues and alleged increase in commission under the Congress government, he said, "Ask them to file a complaint about this. Let them first stop the work. Didn't the Yediyurappa government tell the contractors not to take up work due to paucity of funds? Despite that, the BJP government issued contracts. They called for tenders way over allocated amounts. For example, they called for tenders worth Rs 30,000-40,000 crore when the budget allocation was only Rs 10,000 crore. How can it be resolved now?"

When pointed out that contractors are threatening to stop projects across the state, he said, "Those who want to stop work may do so. Our government is paying money as per the budget allocation. We also have humanity, and will try to do something after the budget."

Govt surrendered to Andhra mafia: BJP

Commenting on the garbage issue, Leader of Opposition R Ashoka alleged that garbage has not been cleared in Bengaluru for the last three months. "Lorries are overflowing with garbage. The government has turned Bengaluru into a garbage city. The contractors' association is preparing to halt all work," he said.

The government should release funds immediately and resolve all the problems. Otherwise, people's curse will hit them, he added.

He alleged that when contractors ask the government to clear their bills, the chief minister tells them to "come tomorrow" which never comes.

He alleged that ministers are making big packages and allotting the projects to Andhra Pradesh contractors and taking commission.

"Kalyana Karnataka works have been given to Telangana. Because of this, local contractors cannot grow. Match fixing is happening in the works. One has to give 7% to get the garbage contract, 7% to get the bills cleared and 7% for no-objection certificate. Only if 21% commission is given, work is possible. Andhra and Congress government mafia are controlling Bengaluru garbage. Members of the Contractors' association have said they didn't get a garbage tender," he said.

2 B'luru firms win ₹50L each for sewage water projects

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TWO Bengaluru-based companies -- EcoSTP Technologies Pvt Ltd and Transwater Systems Pvt Ltd -- won a purse of Rs 50 lakh each from Tata Group's Titan for their work in agriculture and urban water management.

They, alongwith four other companies, were awarded at the second edition of the Design Impact Awards, whose focus this year lay on addressing water crises and management across India.

EcoSTP Technologies' patented project Net Zero Sewage Treatment Technology utilises biomimicry – inspired by a cow's stomach – to treat sewage without power, chemicals and human intervention. The project was tested at Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute (EMPRI), Bengaluru, where it boosted wastewater treatment efficiency by 15%.

Transwater Systems' BOSON White Water System offers decentralised treatment plants in apartments and commercial buildings, producing potable-quality water for industrial use. The company signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) for a pilot project of installing a 50 million litres per day treatment facility at the Kadubeesanahalli BWSSB sewage treatment plant.

'Team of officials will hold talks with villagers'

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A representation will be given to the government to take remedial steps on an emergency basis, Narayanswamy added.

GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao said a team of engineers and officials will hold talks with villagers and address their issues in two days. "Villagers are demanding development in their area and have sought sufficient funds. We will make preparations to release funds and address their issues," he added.

Hotels warned against Ramzan food mela

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Representatives of the Fraser Town Residents Welfare Associations submit their petition to Pulakeshinagar MLA AC Srinivas | EXPRESS

WITH law and order concerns, along with traffic congestion and chaos during the Ramzan food mela on MM Road in Fraser Town and surrounding areas, residents have raised the issue with Pulakeshinagar MLA AC Srinivas, the police, and officials of the Bengaluru North City Corporation, requesting that the food mela be stopped this Ramzan. In their petition, the residents stated that stalls encroach on footpaths leading to traffic congestion.

Following this, the MLA, police and officials have said that no footpath encroachment will be allowed in the name of the Ramzan food mela as these eateries violate rules.

The eateries were warned against extending their shops onto the footpaths during Ramzan. "Penalty will be imposed and trade licence will be cancelled. Nuisance will not be allowed in the name of food mela," said Srinivas.

The Fraser Town Residents Welfare Associations (FTRWA) has taken up the cudgel against the proliferation of eateries on roadsides and footpaths during Ramzan leading to nuisance, noise and air pollution due to public gathering.

Khasier Ahmed G S of FTRWA said they met Bengaluru North City Corporation officials on February 16 at MLA Srinivas's office in Fraser Town with only one demand -- no food mela during the month of Ramzan. "The mela severely impacts the safety and wellbeing of residents in a multitude of ways. We collected more than 2,500 signatures of residents last year who were strongly against the mela and are willing to do the same again this time, and in more numbers," he said.

Residents raised health concerns, saying the mela goes unchecked with extremely unhygienic conditions leading to spread of illnesses in the area, especially gastro-intestinal issues. Many doctors have also shared similar concerns. The mela leads to garbage dumping and littering in the area. Unfortunately, the entire area is filled unsegregated garbage. They also flagged issues like drug trafficking, gambling and road rage.

GBA to auction 178 properties for tax default

Bengaluru: The Greater Bengaluru Authority will auction 178 properties under North and West City Corporations for non-payment of property tax in accordance with the Property Tax Assessment, Collection and Enforcement Rules-2024. As per a release, properties in Bengaluru North City Corporation will be auctioned at 3 pm at Yelahanka Mini Vidhana Soudha on February 21. "In Zone-1, arrears amounting to Rs 1,65,30,717 are pending from 66 properties. In Zone-2, Rs 84,69,037 are pending from 41 properties. In total, Rs 2,49,99,754 in property tax is pending from 107 properties, necessitating auction proceedings," the release stated. Similarly, 71 properties in West City Corporation Zone-2 has property tax arrears amounting to Rs 1.14 crore. They will be auctioned at 11 am at the office of the Joint Commissioner, Malleswaram, on February 21. **ENS**

Officials must act: HC on traffic snarls

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday disposed of a public interest litigation filed by a city-based lawyer, seeking directions to address the issue of traffic congestion in the city, stating that it expects the authorities concerned to take necessary steps, as flagged by several authorities.

A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha passed the order, disposing of the petition filed by AV Amarnathan.

The court observed that the issue is to be addressed by the executive authorities concerned, as the petitioner himself stated that the authorities have flagged the issue. We expect that the authorities also take steps to address the issue alleged by the petitioner, the court added.

A direction is required to the Home Secretary and Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) to study the traffic congestion problem immediately, and take up urgent measures to mitigate traffic congestion, the petitioner prayed to the high court.

SUMMER DELIGHT

As summer approaches, fresh fruits are again in demand. A vendor on Ring Road sees an uptick in business | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Ramaiah hosp gets global quality accreditation

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RAMAIAH Memorial Hospital (RMH) announced on Wednesday that it has been accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT), one of the world's most rigorous authorities for quality and safety in bone marrow transplantation and cellular therapy. RMH is now one of two hospitals in India to have FACT accreditation, and the only hospital to hold both FACT and Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditations.

FACT evaluates the entire transplant ecosystem including donor safety, stem cell processing, clinical protocols, long-term follow-up, outcome reporting and continuous quality improvement.

Dr M R Jayaram, Chairman, Gokula Education Foundation (Medical), said, "FACT accreditation reflects our commitment to governance-driven, patient-centric care and measurable clinical outcomes. It validates the discipline and systems required to meet global benchmarks."

EXPRESS READ

Nandini refutes claims of unsafe products

Bengaluru: Karnataka's dairy product brand Nandini has issued a public statement refuting allegations spread on social media that its products were unsafe for consumption. The company has labelled the allegations as "baseless and false" and added that they have caused unnecessary panic among its consumer base. **ENS**

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

19th February : On Piscean Sensitivity If you're sensitive to the effects of beauty, kindness, innocence and delight, of course the quality feels like a blessing. But it's that same sensitivity that clocks ugliness. In these early days of the solar journey through Pisces, if it's not possible to adjust your sensitivity to what's helpful for the situation, hopefully it's possible to exit. Don't hesitate; just go.

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Stress doesn't automatically mean something is wrong. Some stress is healthy, and some hard situations are worth sticking with if you know why you're there. Check back in with your reasons and see if they still make sense.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 - May 20)
You know what it's like to have unappealing options: bad or worse, rock or hard place, lesser of two evils. That's what makes today's choices feel luxurious. You'll appreciate, celebrate and attract even more good fortune with your attitude of gratitude.

GEMINI
(May 21 - June 21)
You have allies in every area of life -- professional, personal, spiritual and more. Call on them before you need them. You may never need them at all, and that's what makes the relationship real. Otherwise, it's just transactional.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)
You don't need to disconnect from the world to connect with yourself again. You just need a little quiet. Two hours of real focus will be enough to finish something that's been hanging over you and remember that you're brilliantly competent.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 22)
A riddle you'll easy guess: What do your loved ones crave when you're not there, but sometimes take for granted when you are? Your presence. Warm, all-in, so you. Presence is a paradox: invisible in the moment, yet unforgettable in absence.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Your vision energizes you. Bringing a fantasy to life -- or even failing to do so -- is far more interesting to you than working for the approval of others. You'll be guided by an internal logic akin to appetite.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Desire and availability are intertwined. When something is rare, it draws the eye and quickens the pulse. Some people, in certain moods, find that the risk of missing out awakens decisiveness they didn't know they had.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
You're feeling some uncertainty about the rules, your strategy or how to play the game in general. This is your subconscious nudging you to reevaluate. Go back to the beginning. Is this game even worth playing? What are your odds of winning?

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
When someone is defensive, resistant or closed off, new information can't go in. People don't learn with their arms crossed. Go where the teachers and students are receptive like you, hearts and minds open, and you'll learn quickly.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
The second easiest way to keep your promises is to make promises that are easy to keep. The top easiest way is not to make them in the first place. You'll deliver more than expected today because you didn't tell them what to expect.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
What happens right before becoming? Exposure. Awkwardness. Uncertainty. So in a way, you can see those uncomfortable feelings as a sign of imminent arrival. At the very least, discomfort is the herald of improvement, and at most, transformation.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Your mind is open and your curiosity strong. Ideas are everywhere, but some are worth more than others, and you sense right away what's worth moving on. A small choice today slowly opens a bigger adventure in the future.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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6	4	5	8	3	9	7	1	2
8	7	2	5	4	1	6	3	9
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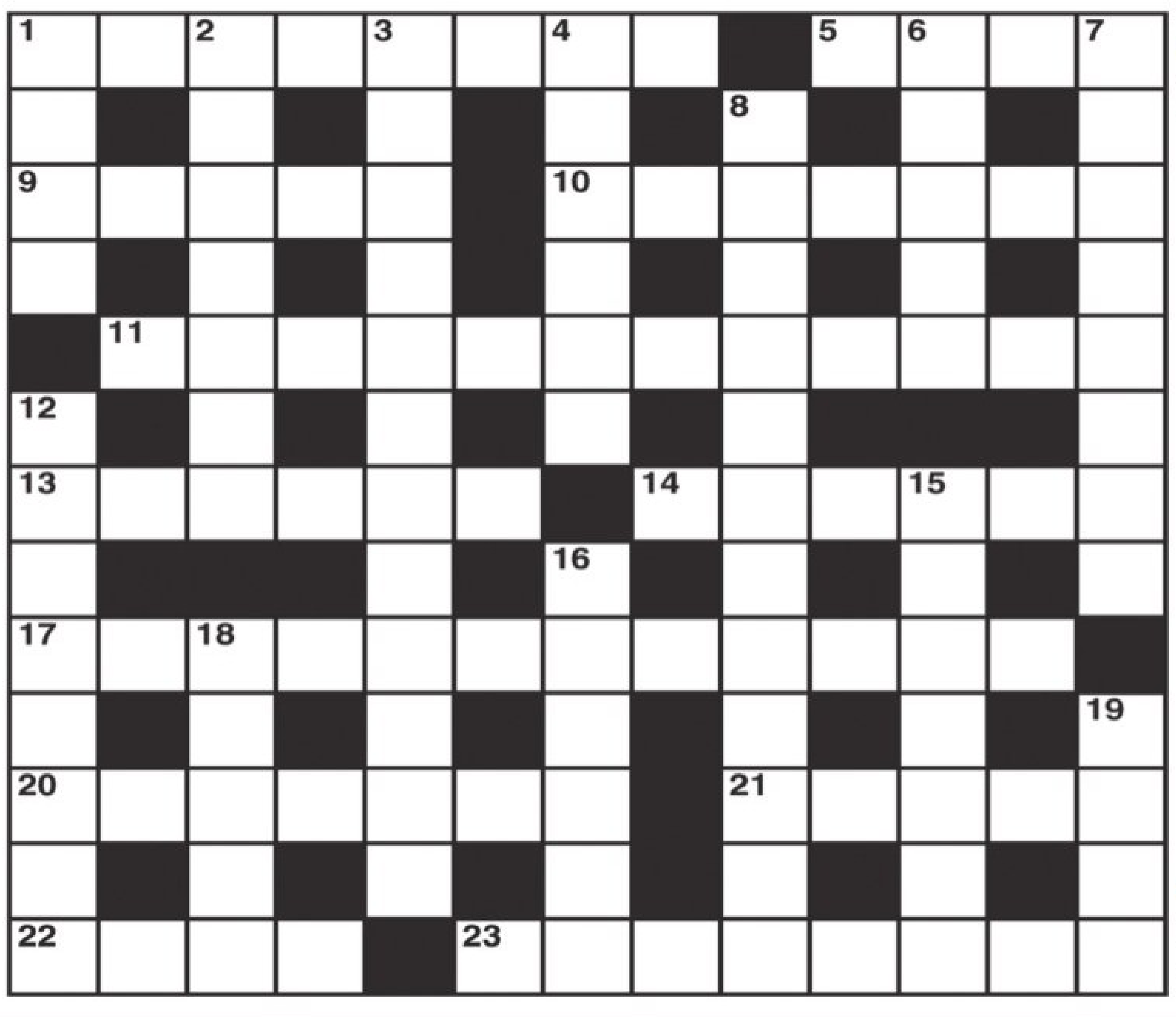
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Public unmasking? No, it's in camera (8)
5 Eat nothing on return from work (4)
9 Film actress in the dress circle (5)
10 The first head of government (7)
11 Committee appointed to investigate Labour? (7,5)
13 Strike that didn't come off? (6)
14 Saint gets response in church from organ (6)
17 Not to be found in a minute (3,3,6)
20 Late but not unwilling (7)
21 Is prone to untruth? (5)
22 Not considered a disfigurement (4)
23 Pause for recreation (8)

DOWN

1 The advantage of keenness (4)
2 They preach equality to their male followers (7)
3 How man made gesture that gave no indication (5,3,4)
4 Change from evil past or heartless present (6)
6 Former holy man (5)
7 Watering plants always in season (8)
8 Local types I'd reformed in a domineering way (12)
12 Tax or cheat (8)
15 Swallow one drink (7)
16 A trial, alternatively plea bargain (6)
18 What pacifists have but don't use (5)
19 Monster held in so great a dread (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Liquidate, 8 Fauna, 9 Rations, 10 Despot, 11 Defers, 12 Appetite, 15 Palm tree, 18 At once, 20 Lean-to, 21 Barbara, 22 Ensue, 23 Rotterdam.

Down: 2 Image, 3 Unisex, 4 Dinosaur, 5 Effete, 6 Pumpkin, 7 Battle-axe, 11 Dispelled, 13 Pleasant, 14 Cleanse, 16 Totter, 17 Robber, 19 Circa.

JUMBLE **UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.**

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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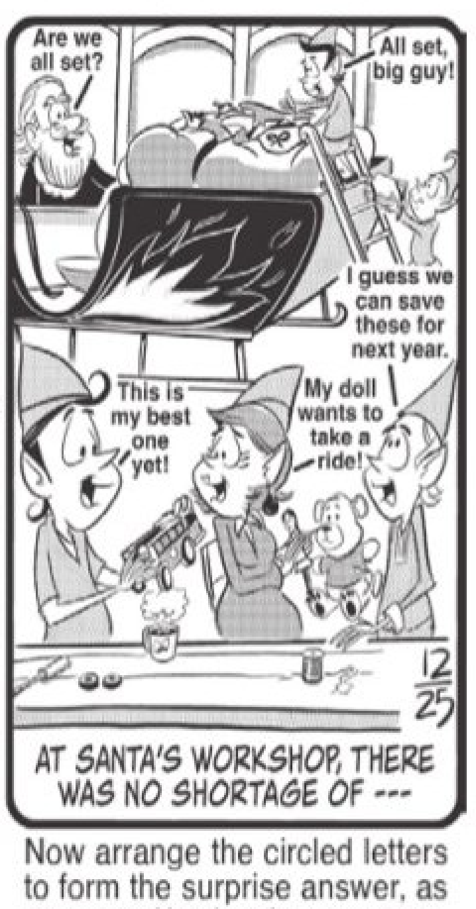

Are we all set?
All set, big guy!
I guess we can save these for next year.
This is my best one yet!
My doll wants to take a ride!
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AT SANTA'S WORKSHOP, THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DERBY SWUNG SEASON BEYOND
Answer: In the race with the other reindeer, Rudolph — WON BY A NOSE

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Four schoolchildren aged between seven and eight were found safe on the outskirts of Yellur village in Belagavi taluk after being taken away by an unidentified man. Police said the children were playing outside their homes when the man allegedly offered them a ride, made them sit on a two-wheeler and later dropped them in a field. They were found by farmers, who alerted the authorities

From gaming loss to kidnap plot: Three held after ransom drama

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THE Electronic City police rescued a kidnapped spa manager and arrested three accused, one of whom had lost misappropriated apartment funds in online gaming and wanted to earn it back through criminal ways.

The accused were identified as **Manjunath** (25), a facility manager at an apartment in Gottigere and resident of Bannerghatta; **Prajwal** (25), a manager at a private company and resident of Anekal; and **Akshay** (28), a car driver and resident Jigani and native of of Bengaluru South district. Akshay is also a murder accused in another case.

The victim, Ashith Jha (28) from Bihar, works as a manager at a Thai spa in Akshayanagar.

On February 15, Jha was heading home on a two-wheeler with another manager, Mallukumar, around 9 pm. Near Bettadasanapura, three men in a car allegedly rammed into the two-wheeler from behind.

The trio verbally abused them, assaulted Mallukumar with a machete and other weapons, bundled Jha into the car after blindfolding him and fled.

Manjunath Prajwal Akshay

Mallukumar filed a complaint with the police later.

The accused allegedly called Mallukumar and demanded a ransom of Rs 2 lakh, threatening to kill Jha if the money was not paid.

The police said they initially had no leads, but pursued multiple angles of investigation. Based on credible information, they traced the vehicle to Jigani and suspected that the accused were hiding in Anekal. On Tuesday evening, the police traced and apprehended the three accused along with Jha from a deserted area off S Bingipura Road, when one of the accused came to collect the ransom amount.

During the interrogation, the accused revealed that Prajwal, who was working at an apartment in Gottigere, had misappropriated apartment funds and later lost the money in online gaming.

To recover the amount, he plotted along with his friends to kidnap Jha. They were tracking Jhan for over a month before executing their plan.

The accused were taken into police custody after producing them before a court.

Brazilian held at KIA, ₹24cr worth cocaine seized

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OFFICERS of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Bengaluru zonal unit, on a specific tipoff, intercepted a Brazilian national and seized 4.776 kg of cocaine worth Rs 23.88cr (street value) at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in the early hours of February 17.

The accused had travelled from São Paulo to Doha, Qatar, and subsequently boarded the flight from Doha to Bengaluru.

"During examination of the checked-in baggage of the accused, officers recovered four ladies' handbags that had been specially modified with false walls and concealed bottom compartments. The cavities were found to contain multiple pieces of clothing fabric chemically infused with cocaine," said the NCB, Bengaluru in an official release on Wednesday.

"The accused has been secured for detailed questioning to ascertain the source, destination and wider conspiracy involved in the trafficking attempt. Necessary legal action under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act has been initiated," stated the anti-drugs agency.

This is the second seizure of cocaine in less than a month from a foreign national at KIA.

On January 21, the Air Intelligence Unit, Customs arrested a Chile national and seized around 7.7 kg of high-grade cocaine concealed in fairy tale books in Spanish. In the grey market cocaine or coke sells anywhere between Rs 5 crore and Rs 10 crore per kg depending on the quality and demand.

(Any person having information related to the sale or trafficking of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances may share the same by calling the MANAS - National Narcotics Helpline, Toll-Free Number 1933. The identity of the caller will be kept strictly confidential).

DEVOTIONAL MARCH

People take part in the Diksha Mahotsav procession, in Chikkamagaluru, on Wednesday| PTI

EXPRESS READ

Engg student killed in road crash after birthday bash

Bengaluru: A 20-year-old engineering student, who was riding back home with his friend after celebrating his birthday, was killed and his friend was injured after a speeding goods vehicle crashed into their bike near the main road of the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) in the Chikkabanavara traffic police limits on Tuesday evening. The deceased, Pavan Kumar (20), a resident of Thotadaguddadahalli, was a second-year engineering student at a private college and worked part-time. The police said the accident occurred around 5.20 pm when Kumar was returning home after celebrating his birthday with his friends. He was riding from Kakolu Dairy Farm towards IIHR when the goods vehicle coming from the opposite direction allegedly hit his bike. Kumar sustained severe head and limb injuries and lost consciousness. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. The driver of the goods vehicle fled the scene after abandoning the vehicle, but was later traced and arrested.

Worried about her future, former ISRO employee strangles wife to death

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CONCERNED about his wife's future after his death, a 72-year-old former employee of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) allegedly strangled his wife to death at their apartment, under Avalahalli police station limits, on Wednesday morning. Police have arrested the accused.

The deceased, Sandhya Shri (62), was married to Nagesh Ishwar Rao, a native of Andhra Pradesh and former ISRO team leader. The couple had been staying in a flat in Virtuoso apartment complex in Bommanahalli for the past three years. Their only daughter lives in the United States.

According to police, around 10.15am, Rao allegedly strangled his wife with a towel while she was working in the kitchen. He allegedly intended to take his own life after killing his wife, but changed his mind and called his neighbours, alerting them about the murder. The neighbours informed a doctor who lives in the apartment complex, who found that Sandhya was dead, and alerted the police.

Sandhya Shri and Nagesh Ishwar Rao

Police arrested Rao and sent Sandhya's body for postmortem. His daughter was informed. The exact cause of death will be ascertained during investigation, police added.

A senior police officer said that according to preliminary investigation, Rao is reportedly undergoing psychiatric treatment. He confessed to the murder and gave multiple reasons for it, saying he was worried about his wife's future after his death, fearing that no one would take care of her. He allegedly decided to kill her and then take his own life but changed his mind, the officer said.

Man hacks wife to death, later attempts suicide

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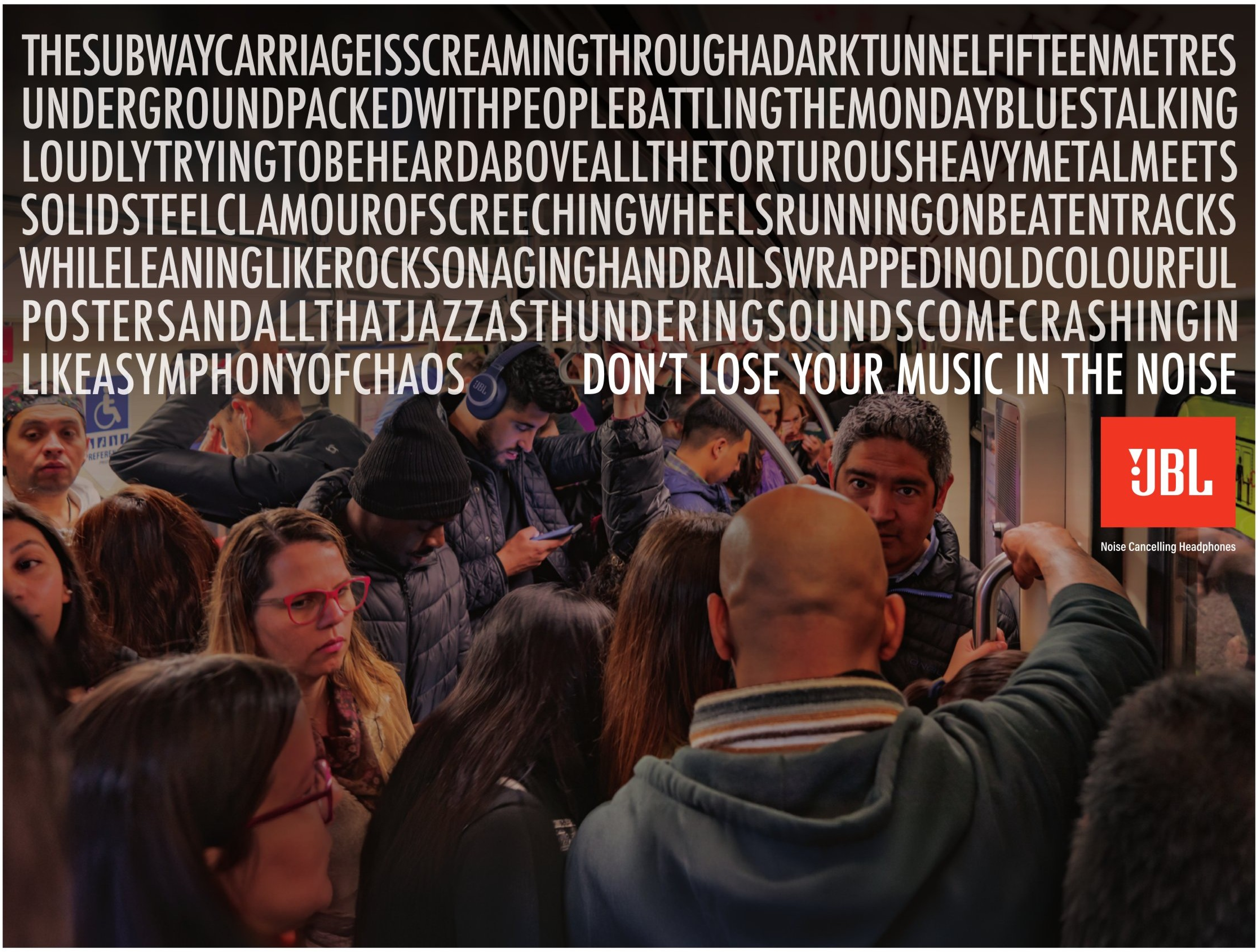
A 65-year-old man allegedly hacked his wife to death before attempting suicide in the early hours of Wednesday in Govindarajanagar police limits.

The accused, Kumar (65), allegedly killed his wife, Devamma (58), around 12.45 am while she was sleeping at their residence in Sanjeevini Nagar, Moodalapalya. Suspecting her fidelity, he attacked her with a machete, the police said.

Kumar had recently gone on a pilgrimage to Kerala with his family. During the trip, Devamma spoke to the driver and that was what triggered the suspicion in Kumar. He reportedly had frequent quarrels with her over the past month.

After the crime, Kumar allegedly called one of his sons and told him about the murder, saying he was planning to end his life as well. Kumar, a construction worker, and Devamma, who worked as housekeeper, had been married for nearly 40 years. "After killing my mother, he informed my brother. He also said he would end his life. My brother rushed to the house and rescued him," Devamma's daughter Shalini said.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JDS Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy launched the party's 'Janarondige Janatadala' membership drive in Periyapatna taluk of Mysuru district on Wednesday, marking a significant political show of strength in Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's home turf

Leadership tussle: CM's followers go abroad

Eleven legislators leave on Australia-New Zealand trip; DCM camp wants high command to clarify soon

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RUMBLINGS over the change in chief minister's post continued to prevail within the ruling Congress as a group of 11 legislators from the CM Siddaramaiah camp left on a foreign trip, even as followers of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar demanded that the high command clear the air on leadership change.

It is said that CM's supporters had chalked out a plan to send over 25 legislators on the trip to counter the DCM camp which was escalating the issue and demanding that the high command intervene.

MLAs Puttarangashetty, Devendrappa, HD Thammaiah, BM Nagaraj, Yashawantrayagouda Patil, Hampanagouda Badarli and MLCs Dr D Thimmaiah, Sharanagouda Bayyapur, Vasanth Kumar and Nagaraj Yadav left for an Australia-New Zealand trip on Tuesday. They are likely to return on March 3. Some of these legislators have identified themselves with both CM and DCM camps, a Congress leader said.

It is alleged that the trip is to divert the attention of the leaders as the Shivakumar camp was harping on changing the chief minister. The trip was the initiative of CM's supporters, especially Animal Husbandry and Sericulture Minister K Venkatesh. The grapevine also has it that some other CM's supporters too sponsored the trip and tried in vain to lure some more MLAs. AICC General Secretary, Karnataka in-charge, Randeep Singh Surjewala had called all those planning to go on the trip and sought clarification. After the call, some legislators backed out.

After the budget session gets over, the party high command is likely to call both the CM and DCM to Delhi to discuss the power sharing agreement, sources said.

Shivakumar's supporter and Mandya MLA Ganiga Ravi on Wednesday demanded that the high command clear the air on the power sharing agreement. "Statements issued by the MLAs have been damaging the party and government," he said.

Meanwhile, Kunigal MLA and Shivakumar's brother-in-law Dr Ranganath reiterated that Siddaramaiah will keep his word on power sharing agreement. "The CM is not one to betray his word. We are confident that he will answer at an appropriate time if there is an agreement on power sharing," he said.

> **The CM is not one to betray his word. We are confident that he will answer at an appropriate time if there is an agreement on power sharing** – Dr Ranganath, Kunigal MLA and Shivakumar's brother-in-law

SECURITY CONCERNS?

Govt restricts media persons' movements at Vidhana Soudha

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THE state government has restricted media personnel from taking sound bites of chief minister, deputy chief minister, ministers, and other officials anywhere other than the west side portico of Vidhana Soudha. In a letter addressed to the Department of Information and Public Relations, the secretary of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) stated that the move was taken citing security concerns.

The decision has received criticism from opposition parties, who accused the government of clipping press freedom and limiting media access to elected representatives.

Such restrictions were put in place earlier as well. Successive governments have initiated restrictions on media at Vidhana Soudha, but revoked them following criticism. In the letter, the DPAR officer mentioned that the media persons cannot follow the CM or ministers for bites, but have to take them at the designated place.

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said that to hide its failures and corruption, government has exhibited its anti-democratic, authoritarian attitude by attempting to impose control over the media. He chided CM Siddaramaiah, saying Congress leader Rahul Gandhi carries a copy of the Constitution wherever he goes and talks about freedom of press.

"Are you afraid that more illegal dealings like the theft of gold and cash worth lakhs that occurred in the office of Byrathi Suresh who is close to you and other irregularities that was exposed by the media will come out," he asked.

Ashoka said Vidhana Soudha is not Congress office. "It is the people's house, the seat of power belonging to seven crore Kannadigas. No one has the authority to restrict journalists from entering there. This unconstitutional order forcing media persons to conduct interviews only at a designated spot inside Vidhana Soudha must be withdrawn immediately," he demanded. He said the government must ensure that media persons are allowed to freely perform their duties.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra said the government has something to hide and somebody to shield. "That's the reason why the government wanted to restrict the media at Vidhana Soudha." He said that he will write to DPAR, seeking an explanation and urge the government to lift the ban immediately.

JDS for hard bargain with BJP, to hold rally in B'luru

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

THE JDS leadership is planning to hold a mega rally in the city on March 8 in a bid to galvanise the party.

JDS is trying to drive a hard bargain with BJP. The party wants to stake claim for chief minister's post when elections to the state assembly will be held in 2028.

Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council, recently taunted JDS saying that it can get the CM's post if it wins 113 out of 224 seats. Union Minister and State JDS chief HD Kumarswamy, however, said "this is not the time to deliberate on who should become the Chief Minister. There is still ample time for that."

JDS has recently appointed heads to its district units. The party is aiming to win 80 seats in the 2028 assembly polls, a JDS leader said. The party expects at least 90-100 seats from BJP and is open for negotiation, he said.

As a beginning, JDS wants to contest at least 100-120 out of the 369 seats in the polls to five city municipal corporations under Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA). As per the Supreme Court's direction the GBA polls should be held by June 30.

JDS has a strong base in Bengaluru West, especially in Yeshwantpur, Dasarahalli and Bengaluru South assembly constituencies, said a JDS leader close to former prime minister HD Deve Gowda.

LENDING A EAR

KPCC president and DCM DK Shivakumar meets petitioners at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

RTCs firm on stir today even after govt assurance

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WITH the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of trade unions of four state-run transport corporations calling for a "Bengaluru chalo" protest on Thursday, the state government on Wednesday announced that it will clear 26 months' salary arrears of employees and officers of the corporations.

Office-bearers of JAC, however, maintained that discussions on the quantum of wage hike remained inconclusive. They said they will go ahead with the protest on Thursday. Bus services will not be affected as only employees, who are off duty, will participate in the protest.

According to a notification issued by the government, special grants of Rs 1,271.92 crore will be released towards arrears.

Arrears for 14 of the demand for 34 months — from January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023 — will be paid based on the recommendations of a one-member committee headed by retired official Srinivasa Murthy. This component involves Rs 718.93 crore.

In addition, arrears for 12 months -- from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, amounting to Rs 552.99 crore -- will be released. The government issued an order to commence negotiations with the trade unions to finalise the percentage of wage increase, which will take effect from April 1, 2025.

Explaining the reasons for the delay, the notification stated that wage revision was announced in March 2023 without any budgetary allocation, and the arrears issue was referred to the committee.

It said retirement-related dues of Rs 224 crore have been cleared, although the fund earmarked for the purpose was not available.

Highlighting the fragile financial position of the transport corporations, the government pointed out that liabilities amounting to Rs 4,900 crore accumulated between 2019 and 2023. To clear provident fund and diesel dues, the corporations were permitted to raise Rs 2,000 crore bank loans, with the state bearing the principal and interest components. Over the past two-and-a-half years, 7,800 new buses worth Rs 3,510 crore have been inducted and 10,000 recruitments made. Currently, 80.87% of daily revenue is spent on diesel (34.5%) and staff costs (46.37%). Motor vehicle tax dues of Rs 1,219.23 crore have also been waived.

Meanwhile, Vijay Bhaskar, general secretary, KSRTC Staff and Workers' Federation, told TNIE that the federation accepted the reduction of arrears from 38 to 26 months. However, the wage hike percentage has to be decided. "It is not final. They announced that it will be discussed with the unions," he said.

BJP extends support to transport protest

The Karnataka BJP has extended its support to the protest called by road transport corporations across the state on Thursday. BJP state President BY Vijayendra has written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah urging him to clear the arrears of transport employees from January 1, 2024. Vijayendra said not clearing the transport arrears shows administrative failure of the state government. "There is a limit to workers' patience."

KHANDRE SEEKS 1% OF BUDGET GRANTS FOR FOREST, ENVIRON

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FOREST Minister Eshwar Khandre on Wednesday said the department has requested the chief minister to allocate 1% of the total state budget for forests and environment. "The wildlife population in the state is increasing, but not the forest area. To address this and to increase the green cover, a lot of fund is required," he told reporters.

The state budget for the coming fiscal is estimated to be around Rs 4.5 lakh crore. "We have sought for Rs 4,500 crore in the budget. This is because around 60% is utilised in administrative work like paying salaries. We also need around Rs 1,000 crore for conflict mitigation efforts and another Rs 500 crore for the immediate relocation of tribals and forest dwellers," he said.

Khandre stressed that one of the reasons for man-animal conflicts is the reduction in forest areas. "There is a need to relocate tribals. In Kudremukh Wildlife Sanctuary alone, 300 families have given their in-principal approval to relocate. For this, the department requires Rs 300 crore. Forest dwellers and tribals in other forest patches have also been listed for relocation, but funds are required," he said.

The tribal and rural development departments have said that they have no funds for this. Thus the forest department has sought Rs 500 crore under CAMPA from the central government, he added. Khandre said to address these issues and ensure better utilisation of funds, a high-level meeting will soon be held with ministers of energy, tribal welfare, rural and revenue departments.

The department is also ensuring that compensation is immediately released to people. This fiscal alone the government handed over Rs 60 crore to farmers as crop compensation. "We have no pending dues for crop or life loss. Now to ensure that mitigation is addressed, more funds are required and so a larger allocation for the department has been sought for in the budget," Khandre said.

Transgenders seek ₹200cr in state budget

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TRANSGENDER and gender-diverse minorities have urged the state government to allocate Rs 200 crore in the upcoming budget for the development of the community as per the Congress' pre-poll promise.

Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, Transgender and Gender Minorities Union chief Megha Malnad said that the Congress government had announced in its election manifesto about reserving an annual allocation of Rs 200 crore for the welfare of transgender and gender minorities, but failed to implement its promise even after three years in power.

"The government should not drag its feet and should keep its promise. It should compulsorily announce a fund for us in the upcoming budget. This is not an of sympathy, as it is our constitutional right to leading a dignified life, job security and health," Malnad said. The union has placed a charter of demands before the government, including constitution of a development corporation and separate budget of a minimum of Rs 250 crore for the all-round development of the community.

"Shelter, hostels and short stay homes should be built for us. Nearly 500 houses should be distributed every year. For those who are interested in agricultural activities, two acres of cultivable land should be sanctioned. Grassland should be distributed on lease basis to transgender and gender minorities," Malnad said.

Other demands included bank-link-based projects for entrepreneurial ventures with a subsidy of Rs 2 lakh for each person, interest-free loans, hike in Mytri monthly pension to Rs 2,000 and old age pension to Rs 5,000 per month. "We should be provided one per cent reservation in government jobs. Free gender confirmation surgery should be provided in government hospitals," Megha added.

US delegation goes on whirlwind tour of B'luru

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US Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade William Kimmitt led a delegation of International Trade Administration (ITA) officials to Bengaluru, the first segment of a visit to India ahead of the Department of Commerce's participation in the 2026 India AI Impact Summit.

While in the city on Tuesday, Kimmitt and the delegation met with several US and Indian tech companies and innovators to learn more about how they are investing in Artificial Intelligence, operationalising AI in their business models and creating US-India tech partnership opportunities. The delegation's visits included Chevron Engine, Google Deepmind, South Park Commons and Biocon.

"It is a privilege to visit the heart of tech innovation in Bengaluru at such a critical juncture for the US-India relationship," said Kimmitt. "The new, historic trade agreement between the US and India will cement our bilateral relationship for decades to come and promote the adoption of cutting-edge US technologies in the Indian market."

In addition to industry meetings, Kimmitt, along with Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander, US Indo-Pacific Command, joined the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum for a roundtable focused on defense cooperation in emerging technology. The discussion included advancing the objectives of the US-India trade deal, promoting US AI and tech exports and strengthening US industrial capacity to support security.

The US delegation during a visit to Chevron Engine in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

CORNERING CONG

BJP STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET TODAY

Bengaluru: The BJP State Executive Committee meeting in Bengaluru on Thursday will discuss the party's organisational issues and its plans to take on the Congress government in the state on various issues. BJP state president BY Vijayendra said 1,250 delegates will attend the state executive meeting at Palace Grounds. Union Ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Prahlad Joshi, Shoba Karandlaje and V Somanna, former chief ministers BS Yediyurappa, DV Sadananda Gowda, Jagadish Shettar, Basavaraj Bommai and party MPs, MLAs and MLCs will discuss the party's strategy for the upcoming polls. Vijayendra said bypolls to Assembly segments, polls to state legislative council, zilla panchayat and taluk panchayat as well as the corporation polls in Bengaluru and other issues related to strengthening the party organisation in the state are likely to be discussed. He said people of the state are fed up with the Congress government, and in the executive committee meeting, they will adopt resolutions against the anti-people Congress government. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said he will speak about the Congress government's misrule in the state and problems faced by people. Former CM BS Yediyurappa, who completed 50 years in public life, will be felicitated during the meeting. **ENS**

No grants for orphan children for seven months, says Ashoka

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LEADER of Opposition in the Assembly, R Ashoka, accused the state government of not releasing Rs 75 crore grants for 26,334 orphan children registered in the state.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, the BJP leader said the government has the responsibility to take care of the children orphaned due to various factors, including Covid-19, and the children get around Rs 4,000 per month, but the funds are not released. While MLAs are going on foreign tours to New Zealand and Australia, the government is neglecting the poor children, he said.

"Why have they not released the funds for poor children for seven months? Who is responsible for it?" he questioned. The government is bankrupt, but the MLAs are going on foreign tours, he said.

Ashoka said now the Chief Minister is preparing to present the Budget, but the government has not released funds allocated in the previous budget for the schemes. He said the administration has taken a hit due to Congress's internal fights.

The BJP leader also alleged that the government, which is not clearing contractors' pending bills, is giving contracts to contractors from Andhra Pradesh and taking a commission from them. Works in Kalyana Karnataka have been given to contractors from Telangana, he said.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara inaugurated a dedicated police outpost at Mangaluru International Airport on Wednesday. Located adjacent to the airport's exit toll gate, the facility is designed to ensure a continuous police presence at a critical access point, enabling swift action in the event of any security or law-and-order situation

Safari to open in Bandipur, N'hole with curbs

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AFTER nearly 100 days of closure, wildlife safari in Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves will start operations with restrictions, Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre said. He gave in-principle approval on Wednesday, and the safari will open in another two days.

Safaris were closed from November 7 due to increasing man-animal conflict, to stop misuse of vehicles, prevent staffers being diverted from their duty and address more important issues.

Under the first trial phase, a maximum of 50 safari vehicles will be permitted per day. Only safari buses will be allowed, and timings are trimmed from the earlier eight hours a day. The number of trips each vehicle makes has also been reduced. Safari trips will start from 6.30am onwards, and will be permitted for five hours a day in Bandipur, six hours in Sunkadakatte and four hours in N'hole eco tourism zones. All vehicles will be fitted with GPS and trackers to track movements. The government announced this decision based on the report submitted by the technical committee comprising of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, officials from the Wildlife Institute of India, Indian Institute of Forest Management and an independent expert.

Khandre said safaris are being opened in a phased manner during a month-long trial. The committee will examine the implications of opening safaris and submit its final report. This will be shared with the National Tiger Conservation Authority and based on their inputs, the final decision on the number of vehicles permitted will be taken.

The committee was formed soon after the closure of safaris, and on December 28, and visited Bandipur and Nagarahole to assess the ground situation. During the State Wildlife Board meeting on January 2, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the committee recommended allowing restricted safari. It submitted its report to the government on January 5. The decision of allowing restricted safaris was taken after undertaking a detailed carrying capacity assessment and reasons for the rise in conflict. The committee also assessed the Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Conservation plans from 2014-15 to 2023-24, while preparing the report, and included the number of people visiting the forests on a daily basis.

Khandre said that during October and November 2025, when conflicts were many, 28 tigers were captured and relocated, of which 13 were adults. It was decided that eco-development committees will be revived and strengthened at the gram and village levels. Their inputs will also be taken while making the final decision. The government has also formed special camps of four people in conflict zones along the 100km boundary of Bandipur. One-third of the safari revenue will be utilised for outreach programmes in villages abutting forests to build confidence.

MYSORE KIRLOSKAR CASE

HC scraps lease deed, liquidator to auction property

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EXECUTION of the lease deed by the ex-management of the Mysore Kirloskar Ltd., in liquidation a few days before it was winding up to transfer six acres, 29 guntas of land worth several crores to a related party, Kirloskar Institute of Advanced Management Studies (KIAMS), for a monthly paltry sum of Rs 1,250 for 28 years in Harihara of Davanagere district is nothing but a sham, bogus, fraudulent, and illegal step, said the Karnataka High Court.

The HC directed the Official Liquidator (OL) to take possession of the property and put it for public auction to realise the fair market value for making payment to the creditors.

The court said that the KIAMS may also participate in public auction proceedings, if they so desire. The KIAMS is liable to pay market rent of the assets in its possession from the date of the lease deed till possession is taken over by the OL, for which the approved valuer will assess the market rent of the assets in question, the court added.

A division bench of Justice DK Singh and Justice Venkatesh Naik T passed the order, allowing the Original Side Appeal filed by the OL of the Mysore Kirloskar Ltd., questioning the order dated July 21, 2015, passed by the company Court in the company application.

On July 29, 2011, the OL filed an application before the company court seeking to declare the lease deed as void against the OL as it was executed a few days prior to the presentation of the company's petition before the court, which was on March 14, 2000, and consequential cancellation of the lease agreement. The same was dismissed on the ground that it was barred by the limitation.

Setting aside the dismissal order, the division bench held that the view taken by the company court is an erroneous one and cannot be sustained.

The transaction between the company in liquidation and the KIAMS is not at arm's length but to a related party, and that too against the interest of the company, its creditors, shareholders, etc., valuable properties of several crores have been sought to be given for a pittance to the related party just before presentation of the winding up petition.

Following the lease agreement dated January 22, 2000, for 28 years, by the ex-management of the Mysore Kirloskar Ltd., the KIAMS was put in possession of the total land measuring six acres, 29 guntas bearing Sy.No. 22, a part of Sy.No. 23 and a part of Sy. No.27, and buildings, structures, facilities, amenities, plants and machinery on the land, in Harihar village and taluk.

The company court ordered the winding up of Mysore Kirloskar Limited on April 1, 2004.

Winzo case: ED attaches assets worth ₹505crore in foreign bank accounts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru zonal office, has provisionally attached movable properties -- balance in foreign bank accounts, in USA and Singapore, worth around Rs 505 crore, held in the names of overseas shell companies of Winzo Pvt Ltd, Winzo US Inc, USA, and Winzo SG Pte. Ltd, Singapore, operated and controlled by Paavan Nanda and Saumya Singh Rathore.

On November 18, the ED raided the premises of Winzo Pvt Ltd, and the house of its director and his accounting firm on December 30. "The proceeds and subsequent investigation revealed that the company was engaged in criminal activities in which customers were made to play with bots/AI/algorithms/software (PPP/EP/Persona) without being made aware of the fact that they are playing with them and not humans in real money games," the ED said on Wednesday.

"Winzo has also prevented/limited withdrawal of monies held by the customers in the wallets of Winzo Pvt Ltd. The company also generated proceeds of crime (PoC) in the form of 'rake commission' from the matches played by the bots with real players on their Winzo app," added the central agency.

ED said that by using bots and a restrictive environment in withdrawing funds, the users were induced to play more matches. "Users' deposited amounts were progressively appropriated by the company in the form of rake commission charged on each match. The cumulative effect of this mechanism enabled the company to systematically convert users' deposits into revenue. The total PoC derived by the company amounted to Rs 3522.05 crore for the financial years 2021-22 to 2025-26 (till August 22, 2025)," stated the ED.

So far, ED has frozen movable properties of around Rs 689 crore in the instant case.

EXPRESS READ

BEL Layout heist accused was on parole: Cops

Bengaluru: The daylight robbery at BEL Layout within the Byadarahalli police station limits has taken a dramatic turn, with police discovering that the main accused was on parole at the time of the crime. The robbery took place around 2 pm on Monday, when a gang posing as policemen entered the residence of realtor-cum-contractor Hombale Gowda and decamped with cash and valuables. During the investigation, police developed vital clues pointing to a habitual offender currently lodged in Parappana Agrahara. Investigators later confirmed through local intelligence that the accused had been released on parole when the robbery was committed. **ENS**

Centre code to curb question paper leak: KSEAB

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) will print exam centre codes on question papers for Exam 1 of the SSLC and II PU exams. Each examination centre is assigned a unique code before they are dispatched to the respective centres, that help authorities trace the source of any question paper leak during examinations. Earlier this year, when the question papers of the first preparatory exam were leaked on social media, the cyber crime police identified the culprits using the printed codes. **ENS**

OBITUARY

SMT. JYOTHI P. HEGDE
Passed away peacefully on
13.02.2026 in Bengaluru, India.
Dearly missed by beloved:
Husband: **Pradeep Kumar Hegde**
Son: **Prajwal P Hegde**
Daughter: **Tanisha P Hegde**
Brother: **Deepak S Hegde.**
Mother, Sister, and family.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General public that my client **SMT. SAHANA SURESH,** Aged about 49 years, W/o. Sri. G. Suresh, Residing at No.29/A, 2nd East Main, ITI Layout, Vidyapeetha, BSK 3rd Stage, BANGALORE-560085, **(PURCHASER)** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein under, from owners / sellers **1. Smt. JAYAMMA G L.,** Aged about 77 years, W/o. Sri. T. Govindappa, **2. Smt. PARVATHAMMA,** Aged about 68 years, W/o. Late. Prakash. G.L., **3. Smt. TARA G P.** Aged about 42 years, D/o. Sri. Prakash. G.L., & Smt. Parvathamma. **4. Sri. CHARAN G P.,** Aged about 41 years, D/o. Sri. Prakash. G.L., & Smt. Parvathamma. **5. Smt. NISHADHA G P.** Aged about 30 years, D/o. Sri. Prakash. G.L., & Smt. Parvathamma. **6. Smt. KALAVATHI. G L.,** Aged about 72 years, D/o. Late. G M Lingarajan, **7. Smt. G L SHAKUNTALA,** Aged about 69 years, D/o. Late. G M Lingarajan. **8. Smt. SHOBHA ARAVIND,** Aged about 47 years, W/o. Late. G.L. Aravind, **9. Sri. AKSHAY ARAVIND,** Aged about 31 years, S/o. Late. G.L. Aravind, **10. Sri. HITESH B S.,** Aged about 35 years, S/o. Sri. B. Siddaramappa, **11. Sri. ANOOP. B.S.,** Aged about 33 years, S/o. Sri. B. Siddaramappa Persons/banks/society/firm or any other body having any right, title, interest, claim or charge over the schedule mentioned property or any part thereof is hereby notified to lodge their objections / claims if any, in writing with documentary evidence regarding their manner of right, title, interest, claim or charge, within **12 days** from the date of this publication of undersigned, after which period my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule mentioned property on the basis that there are no objections/claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule mentioned property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.252, in Sunkenahalli Extension, Bangalore, Presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.155, vide New Municipal No.52, PID No.52-44-52, New Property No. 252/11-52, New E-PID No.2652074367, situated at B M Srikantaiah Road, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 25-0 [Twenty Five] Feet and North to South : 45-0 [Forty Five] Feet, in all measuring 1125 Square Feet, and bounded on:

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I, **N. LASKHMIDEVAMMA** W/o Sri M. Nagaraja, R/at No. 870, Sree Venkateshwara Krupa, 9th Main, Near Sarathi Nagar, Nandini Bhooth Bus Stop, BDA Layout, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, 1st Block, Anjanapura, Bengaluru – 560 062 is the absolute owner of the Residential Site bearing No. 870, PID No. 3204180347, formed and developed by the Bengaluru Development Authority, situated at J.P. Nagar 8th Phase Layout, 1st Block, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 12.19 Mts., and North to South 9.14 Mts., totally measuring 111.41 Sq. Mts., together with RCC roofed residential building consists of Ground & First Floor constructed thereon and bounded on: East by: Road; West by: Site No. 867; North by: Site No. 871 and South by: Site No. 869 and the Original Possession Certificate dated 21.07.2004 and Original Sale Deed dated 15.07.2004 executed by the BDA in favour of Sri M. Nagaraja, registered as Document No. 4513/2004-05, Book I, stored in CD No. 48, in the office of the Additional District-Registrar, Bengaluru Urban District are not traceable. If the said Original Possession Certificate and Original Sale Deed are found by any person/s, they are hereby requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned address.

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People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), India, has lodged a complaint with the Dharwad police against the organisers of a ram fight in Navalgund, despite such events being banned by law. According to a PETA member, the organisation received a poster announcing ram fights. Following the complaint, the police held a meeting with the organisers

Nali Kali dropped in 15 districts

Govt to recruit more teaching staff to fill gap

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

AMIDST the debate of cancelling or reconsidering the implementation of Nali Kali programme in government primary schools, the department of school education and literacy has decided to drop the programme in 15 districts.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa also confirmed the decision. "Since bilingual classes – English and Kannada – will be introduced from Class 1, unlike the earlier practice of teaching only in Kannada medium. Hence, the programme (Nali Kali) will be cancelled primarily in schools in 15 districts in Karnataka."

Commissioner for School Education Vikas Kishor Suralkar also confirmed the decision. He said, "There will be monograding for Classes 1 to 3 students from the next academic year. Nali Kali was introduced where resources (teachers) were lower in number, so that students from Classes 1 to 3 could be taught in the same class by the same teacher. Several government schools that came under the scheme of PM-SHRI or Model government schools, which had sufficient numbers of teachers, were not part of the Nali Kali programme. Now that we have decided to appoint more teachers, the programme is being dropped in 15 districts."

This has left government primary school teachers puzzled, "We have 35 students in Class 1 to 3. Admissions for Class 1 are due and students in Class 3 are being promoted. We are not informed if this programme will continue, or be replaced with new curriculum and textbooks", said a government primary school teacher in Raichur.

90% OF STUDENTS LACK WRITING SKILLS

Ravikumar Neeha, who prepared the Nali Kali report submitted to the education minister, said, "Nali Kali is a wonderful programme where children learn through activities, but it doesn't impart writing skills for Class 1 to 3 students. When children are promoted to Class 4, they lack competence in writing and reading. Only 10% of the students can adapt to the traditional form of learning. Only 10% of these children can excel in high school. The remaining 90% of the students lacked ability to write anything except their names after joining class 4. Each class must be limited to 5 students to make Nali Kali more impactful, to focus on each learner and yield positive results. Periodic training for teachers to implement Nali Kali in class and continuous assessment of teachers through exams and various activities are also recommended."

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah welcomes the throwball team, which won the international tournament held recently in Cambodia, on their return to Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

INTERNATIONAL THROWBALL CHAMPIONS RECEIVE GRAND WELCOME IN BENGALURU

BENGALURU: Indian athletes who won the international throwball tournament held in Cambodia received a grand welcome at Kempegowda International Airport in Devanahalli on February 16. The team defeated Malaysia in a closely contested final, winning 25-23, 23-25, 25-21. Among the players were Akshay and Chandan Reddy, students of Endeavours International School in Bengaluru. Parents, school management, and supporters received the team. The athletes were later congratulated and honoured by the school's chairman, M.L. Sivashankar. Following their victory, the team also met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and shared their experience of the tournament. **ENS**

Farmers elated as Byadagi chilli price hits a high of ₹90k/quintal

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

CHILLI farmers in Gadag expect the Byadagi brand of chilli would cross Rs 1 lakh per quintal, as a farmer in the district surpassed the record of another by bagging Rs 89,999 per quintal this week. The increasing wholesale prices is bound to have an impact on the retail prices in the coming days.

Vijaykumar Sajjanar, a farmer in Ron, got the historic price by breaking the record of a Lakkundi farmer who got Rs 74,099 per quintal on February 6. Byadgi chilli is also grown in Gadag, Dharwad and Haveri districts.

Vijayakumar said, "I am very happy as I got a historic price for my crop. I did not expect this, but I knew I would get a fair price as my crop is purely organic. All farmers celebrated this and hope to see the price cross one lakh soon."

Agents from Mumbai, Hyderabad and several other parts of the country buy Byadgi chilli in huge quantities to supply to chilli powder manufacturing companies. Farmers are elated with the historic price rise and hope that it would cross the one lakh mark soon. Many of them distributed sweets and celebrated the new record.

Byadgi chilli is also used as a natural colourant in nail polishes and a few other products, and there could be a cascading effect on cosmetic products.

Normally, chilli prices hover around Rs 35,000–50,000 per quintal depending on the quality. But this time it was at an all time high. In January 2023, Sharanappa, a farmer from Kotumachagi received Rs 70,499. Last week, Chandru, a farmer in Lakkundi, fetched Rs 74,099 per quintal and now, Vijayakumar got an all time high price Rs 89,999 for his crop.

ONION FARMERS FEAR LOSS AS PRICES CRASH

VIJAYAPURA: Onion growers in the district are facing distress because of prices crashing in the open market and suffering heavy crop losses during last monsoon owing to excessive rains and floods. Local farmers said onion prices dropped as low as Rs 800 per quintal, far below the production cost, and they were unable to recover expenses. The district is among the largest onion-growing regions in the state after Chitradurga with extensive cultivation, particularly in Basavanabagewadi and Kolhar taluks. More than 80% of the monsoon crop was damaged by heavy rainfall and flooding. Farmers had hoped to overcome losses with better prices for the dried produce and the winter crop. According to estimates, about 31,000 hectares of onion crop was damaged in the district during the monsoon. In the winter season, cultivation covered around 23,000 hectares, while sowing is expected in nearly 25,000 hectares for the summer crop. **ENS**

Capt Arvind Sharma inspired many to take to the skies

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

CAPT Arvind Sharma, aviation entrepreneur who helped shape India's recreational flying movement and inspired hundreds to take to the skies, passed away early Tuesday, following a cardiac arrest. He was 56.

Chairman and CEO of Agni Aerosports Adventure Academy, popularly known as Agni Aviation, Capt. Sharma had been under treatment at Sakra Hospital after suffering breathing discomfort since Tuesday. He was declared dead in the early hours of Wednesday, family members said. The funeral is scheduled for Thursday post noon. He is survived by wife Sapna, son Agni Sharma, family, and a vast network of students, aviators and colleagues whose lives he shaped.

Trained as a computer engineer, Capt. Sharma's life changed course after a government scholarship introduced him to flying. What began as curiosity soon became a calling. From its base in Bengaluru, Agni Aviation grew into one of India's respected institutions for flight training, microlight flying and adventure aviation. At a time when general aviation remained niche, Capt. Sharma built pathways for enthusiasts, hobbyists and future pilots to experience the thrill of flight.

Capt Arvind Sharma 1970–2026

Students recall him as a hands-on mentor, at home in the cockpit, classroom or hangar, patiently explaining aerodynamics to newcomers or discussing safety protocols with pilots. The academy faced its darkest chapter in 2004 when a Cessna aircraft crashed shortly after take-off from Jakkur Aerodrome, killing actress Soundarya, pilot Joy Philip and others.

Capt. Sharma was a multifaceted personality. A passionate sports and fitness enthusiast, he helped found the Royal Mysore Sailing Club in Mysuru to encourage Indian participation in sailing and water sports. In 1999, he ventured into manufacturing of microlight aircraft, approved by DGCA, and sold and serviced over 100 aircraft to various government sectors and private owners. He carried out cloud seeding for Karnataka, Maharashtra, and united Andhra Pradesh between 2003 and 2009. Fascinated by law and public policy, he also studied law and briefly practised as an advocate, often lending his voice to protect aviation spaces. He was vocal about preserving Jakkur as a hub for aviation enthusiasts and concerned over infrastructure developments that compromised the airfield's ecosystem.

His friend Air Marshal BK Pandey told TNIE, "His demise at a young age is a tragedy for the family, and also a tremendous loss to civil aviation in Bengaluru."

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Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India had taken possession of the following schedule mentioned properties on the dates mentioned below, under sec. 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, pursuant to the demand notice dated as mentioned below, issued under Sec 13(2) of the said Act, in the following loan accounts with right to sell the same for realization of Bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder. And whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues by the borrower / guarantor / mortgagor, the undersigned, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) (a) of the Said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the **website : https://baanknet.com**

Branch : Hosur Branch. Name of the Loan Account : Borrower : M/s. Luxrus Ceramic Solutions Pvt Ltd - Represented by its Directors (1) Mrs.Manimozhi Ulaganathan, W/o.Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, (2) Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, S/o.Chinnagounder Palanivel, No.23, Opp.N.M.D.C. Government Office, Kanakapura Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004. **Director and Guarantors: (1) Mrs.Manimozhi Ulaganathan, W/o.Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, Director : Luxrus Ceramic Solutions Pvt Ltd,** Door No.5, Muthukallipatty (P.O), Rasipuram (TK), Namakkal District - 637401, Tamilnadu. Current Address : 359, 4th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere (V), Bangalore - 560083. **(2) Mr.Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, S/o.Mr.Chinnagounder Palanivel, Director : Luxrus Ceramic Solutions Pvt Ltd,** Door No.5, Muthukallipatty (P.O), Rasipuram (TK), Namakkal District - 637401, Tamilnadu. Current Address : 359, 4th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere (V), Bangalore - 560083 **Amount Due : Rs.6,36,27,516.00 as on 17.02.2026** and interest plus other charges thereon. **Demand Notice Date : 07.07.2021. Physical Possession taken on : 21.09.2021. Description of the Immovable Property : Schedule A :** Within the limits of Bruhuth Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Anjanapura Sub Division, Ward No.194, Layout known as South Avenue, Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Katha No.1579/4196/279, Old Nos.1579/276/279 + 1576/4197/280 + 1567/4198/281, Site Nos.279, 280 and 281. Extent : 3702 Sq.ft (975 + 1249 + 1478). Boundaries : East : Park, West : Site No.282, North : Road, South : Private Property. **Schedule B : (1)** Flat bearing Katha No.1579/4196/279/F-1, Constructed on First Floor of Schedule A Property having super Built-up area of 2600 sq.ft and Un-divided share of 1149 sq.ft in Schedule A Property, along with Car parking in the Stilt Floor, in the residential building by name "MADURA YUGO". **Reserve Price : Rs.1,17,00,000.00. EMD : Rs.11,70,000/-. Bid Increase Amount : Rs.1,00,000/-.**

(2) Flat bearing Katha No.1579/4196/279/F-2, Constructed on First Floor of Schedule A Property having super Built-up area of 3000 sq.ft and Un-divided share of 1332 sq.ft in Schedule A Property, along with Car parking in the Stilt Floor, in the residential building by name "MADURA YUGO". **The above Property belongs to Mrs.Manimozhi Ulaganathan. Reserve Price : Rs.1,33,50,000.00 . EMD : Rs.13,35,000/-. Bid Increase Amount : Rs.1,00,000/-.**

Date of Auction : 06.03.2026. Time of Auction : 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM with auto extension of 10 minutes. Date of Inspection of the Property : On all working days between 20.02.2026 and 03.03.2026 between 10 AM and 4 PM with the prior appointment of branch manager. Last Date of Remitting EMD : 06.03.2026 upto 1.00 PM. Authorized Officer - Mobile No : 8489903009 / Chief Manager (RO) - Mobile No : 8489903057

TERMS & CONDITIONS : 1. The auction sale will be online E-Auction/Bidding through website **https://baanknet.com** the above specified date & time (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes till the conclusion of sale). **2.** Bids shall be submitted through online on or before **06.03.2026 upto 1.00 p.m**. **3.** The E-Auction is being held on "PHYSICAL POSSESSION BASIS". **4.** Intending bidders are required to go through the website **https://baanknet.com** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **5.** Successful bidder/purchaser will remit TDS @ 1% on sale proceeds on immovable property/ies of value Rs.50.00 lacs and above as per Sec 194 IA of the income tax Act 1961 and deposit the same by furnishing the challan in Form 26QB and submit the Original receipt of TDS Certificate to Bank. **6.** For further any property related query may contact **Authorized Officer - Mobile No : 8489903009 / Chief Manager (RO) - Mobile No : 8489903057, Central Bank of India, Regional Office, Coimbatore, E-Mail Ids: bmcoim2071@centralbank.co.in / recvcoimro@centralbank.bank.in** during office hours during the working days and after Registration by the bidder in the web portal, intending bidder/purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in Web Portal before last date of submission of the bid viz 1) Copy of NEFT/RTGS Challan, 2) Copy of PAN Card, 3) Identification (KYC) viz self attested copy of Voter ID Card / Driving Licence / Passport etc., 4) Copy of proof of address, without which the bid is liable to be rejected.

Date : 17.02.2026
Place : Hosur

Authorised officer
Central Bank of India

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
33	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 90800 Nos of 8 m 200 kg psc poles to Madurai Tirunelveli Trichy etc regions
34	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 86400 Nos of 8 m 200 kg psc poles to Kanchipuram Chennai North Vellore Erode etc regions
35	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 90000 Nos of 8 m 200 kg psc poles to Agricultural services in all regions
36	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 67300 Nos of 9 m 300 kg psc poles to Madurai Tirunelveli Trichy regions
37	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 71900 Nos of 9 m 300 kg psc poles to Kanchipuram Chennai North Vellore Erode etc regions
38	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 35500 Nos of 9 m 300 kg psc poles to Agricultural services in all regions
39	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 29000 Nos of 9 m 400 kg psc poles to Agricultural services in all regions
41	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 38000 Nos of 9 m 150 kg RCC poles to all regions
42	SE / C / PCC	Procurement of 7100 Nos of 9 m 150 kg RCC poles to Agricultural service in all regions

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites **www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/1211/Tender/2026

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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar,
Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.32,15,246/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Six only)** as on **30-12-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **31-12-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. A R Silk Traders, (Represented by Mr. Afshad Pasha as its Proprietor), 2nd Cross, Ward No.16, No.2893, Motinagar, Ramanagara - 562159. No.2) Mr. Afshad Pasha.A, S/o. Abdul Subhan, No.56, Ward No.14, Town Police Station, 1st Cross, Nalbandwadi, Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Jabeen Taj, W/o. Afshad Pasha.A, No.56, Ward No.14, Town Police Station, 1st Cross, Nalbandwadi, Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mrs. Jabeen Taj, W/o. Afshad Pasha.A)

All that Piece and Parcel of Property Bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.130/1452/2485C, Property No.14-2-506-56/1, Assessment No.130/1452/2485C, Measuring : East to West - 12 Feet and North to South - 38 Feet. Totally Measuring 456.00 Sq.Ft. Situated at Nalbandwadi 1st Stage, Ramanagara. Bounded on : East by : House of Babul, West by : House of Aslam, North by : Road, South by : House of Israq.

Reserve Price : Rs.25,00,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Five Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
07-03-2026	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell Nos.9379511195, 8925964904.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell Nos.9379511195, 8925964904. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 17-02-2026 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District,
Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No.0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
Office of The Superintending Engineer (TW)
Old Power House Premises, Near Ram Mandir Bani Park, Jaipur-302006,
TELE FAX NO.0141-2201022
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur 302005
Website: http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl, Email: setw@jvvnl.org

E- TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are hereby invited in two parts (Techno-commercial bid and Price bid) from eligible bidders for the work of Execution of deposit works, including the Supply, Erection, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of materials/equipment for the construction of 33/11 KV sub-stations, 33 KV & 11 KV overhead Line, laying of 33 KV and 11 KV underground XLPE Cable, construction of 33 KV Bay, 11 KV Bay and shifting of 33 KV & 11 KV line, Metering under Kota circle on turnkey basis against TW/TN -615 LOT-I. Participating bidders can download complete set of bidding documents from e-procurement portal http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Last Date/Time for receipt of online bids through e-procurement portal is 09.03.2026 up to 05:00 PM. For further details regarding Works, Tender Notifications & Specifications please visit website http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in & http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl. **UBN : VVN2526WLOB00990**

JPR-3124 (2026)
Raj.Samwad/C/25/20044

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (TW)
For Electricity Complaints Toll Free No. 1800 180 6507

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids for the supply of following materials.

No. CEE/Tr(Op)ZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/25-26/9633 Dated : 17.02.2026

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/Mys/TZ/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/731/Call-3 dtd:16.02.2026 for Design, Manufacture Testing, Supply & Commissioning of 2 sets of 2 x 220 V, 300 AH (with 2 nos. of float and 2 nos. of float cum boost including control panels, change over arrangement etc., complete as per technical specification along with 2 separate DC Distribution Panel (Indoor) 1I/C + 20 O/G SFU 60A + 20 O/G SFU 30A.
09 Sets of 110 Volts, 100 AH with float cum boost battery charger, Float Current-10A & Boost Current-15A, Input Supply:230V AC, 50Hz. required at various sub-stations coming under Operations Divisions of Transmission (Operations) Zone, Mysuru conforming to Technical Specifications F.O.R.D at Store basis, including all applicable taxes, insurance and transportation.

No. CEE/Tr(Op)ZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/9648 Dated : 17.02.2026

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/493/Call-4 Dated: 17.02.2026 for Design, Manufacture, Testing & Supply of LTAC Panels(Indoor) for various stations coming under Transmission (Operations) Zone, Mysuru conforming to Technical Specifications, FORD at Store/Site basis, including insurance, transportation & unloading.

No. CEE/Tr(Op)ZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/9647 Dated : 17.02.2026

3) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/492/Call-5 Dated: 17.02.2026 for Design, Manufacture, Testing & Supply of AC & DC Distribution Panels, PTDB's for various stations coming under Transmission (Operations) Zone, Mysuru conforming to Technical Specifications, FORD at Store/Site basis, including insurance, transportation & unloading.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **19.02.2026 For Sl. No. 1** and **21.02.2026** for **Sl. No. 2 & 3**. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.),
Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana,
FTS Compound, N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007.

A vigilance court granted bail to Sabarimala chief priest Kandararu Rajeevaru in the gold theft case on Wednesday. He is the 16th accused in the case related to the loss of gold from the Dwarapalaka idols and A-13 in the case pertaining to the loss of gold from the door frames of Sreekovil

TN PANEL: STATE MUST SHORTLIST 3 NAMES FOR GUV

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU
@Chennai

THE high-level committee constituted by the Tamil Nadu government and led by Justice Kurien Joseph has recommended a fixed five-year term, state-led appointments, and binding timelines for assenting to Bills for governors of states.

According to the three-member panel's report, tabled in the Assembly on Wednesday and accessed by *TNIE*, the committee has recommended that Article 155 of the constitution be amended to bind the President to appoint, as governor, one of three names shortlisted by the state government and approved by a majority of the total membership of the state's Legislative Assembly.

The committee also recommended the scrapping of the "pleasure" doctrine under Article 156. This allows the union government to remove governors at will.

Instead, the panel has recommended that a non-renewable five-year term be fixed for the governor.

"A governor cannot be neutral, impartial, or constitutionally effective while remaining vulnerable to dismissal at the will of the union executive," the committee said in its report.

Further, the report suggests that the governor only be removed by the Assembly upon a resolution passed by a majority of the House's total membership, with the president bound to act within 14 days.

The report also says that timelines must be set for governors and the president to assent to Bills and proposals. Accordingly, if the governor or President does not act on a Bill within the stipulated timelines -- 15 days to assent or return, 60 days to reserve for presidential consideration -- it should automatically become law.

"No executive authority -- governor or President -- should withhold assent to a Bill duly passed by a state legislature," the report read.

6 Odia workers held captive in Thailand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kendrapara

We want the government to arrange a flight for us to leave Thailand. All our earnings are exhausted and getting through each day is an ordeal — Jayant Mallick, stranded worker

AT least six workers from Kendrapara district have been reportedly held captive in a plywood factory by their employer at Chon Buri near Bangkok in Thailand for the past six months. The matter came to light on Tuesday after the Odia workers recorded a video, describing their plight in Thailand. The workers alleged that they are being confined inside the factory and subjected to physical and mental torture by their employer.

The stranded workers have appealed to the state government to facilitate their return to their villages. They said each of them had Rs 2 lakh for transportation after being promised a monthly salary Rs 50,000 by the agent. "We went to Thailand in August last year through a labour contractor who promised us good jobs with handsome salaries.

Instead, we were taken to a plywood factory and forced to work over 12 hours a day without any pay. We are given food only once a day and beaten if we ask for more," said Prasant Rout (28), a worker from Upalei village under Rajkanika block, in a video message.

Another worker Himanshu Behera (32) said the agent arranged their trip on a three-month tourist visa. However, the owner of the company confiscated their passports in Thailand. Jayant Mallick (29) said, "We want the government to arrange a flight for us to leave Thailand. All our earnings are exhausted and getting through each day is an ordeal."

SUN AND SARDINES

A fisherwoman spreads freshly caught sardines for drying under the sun at Thoothukudi Harbour Beach on Wednesday | V KARTHIKALAGU

AFTER FAKE PhD ROW, SOP MADE MANDATORY FOR CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION

Bengaluru: Following reports of candidates submitting fake PhD certificates while applying for guest faculty posts in degree colleges, and their subsequent resignations, the Department of Collegiate Education has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to verify the authenticity of academic credentials. The SOP mandates verification of Postgraduate (PG), MPhil, PhD, NET, SLET, K-SET, Persons with Disability (PwD), and Kalyana Karnataka certificates of guest faculty working in government first-grade colleges across the state. Manjushree N, Commissioner of the Department of Collegiate Education, has directed every government first-grade college to constitute a "Certificate Verification Committee" to scrutinise the credentials. The colleges have been instructed to follow the SOP compulsorily. As per a High Court order, around 8,000 guest faculty members were selected for the academic year 2025–26 through online counselling, based on their declared educational qualifications, experience, and other details submitted in their applications. The department has instructed principals to obtain authenticity reports from the concerned universities and institutions for PG mark sheets, NET, SLET, K-SET, PhD, MPhil, PwD, and Kalyana Karnataka certificates of all recruited guest faculty before or immediately after they report for duty.

Hyd to be Net Zero by 2034, says Revanth

ENS @ Hyderabad

STATING that Hyderabad was targeted to achieve Net Zero by 2034, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday said that his government will undertake a city-wide carbon footprint audit. He said that within five years there would be no industry or factory within the urban area, with units progressively shifting to peri-urban zones.

Speaking at Mumbai Climate Week organised by the Government of Maharashtra in Mumbai, Revanth outlined sustainability measures, including the rejuvenation of the Musi River, lake restoration, strengthening of water and energy grids, and the setting up of HYDRAA, described as India's first dedicated environmental police force.

Calling energy the real currency of any economy, the chief minister said development is reflected in power generation and consumption.

EXPRESS READ

B'luru-based Prayoga bags ISRO research grant

BENGALURU: Bengaluru-based Prayoga Institute of Education Research received a research grant from ISRO under its RESPOND Programme for a focused R&D project titled, 'Studies on antibacterial efficacy assessment for space and terrestrial environments.' Dr Ramya Prabhu, Researcher and Principal Investigator at Prayoga will lead the project to develop an AI-assisted automated instrument for accurate, and reliable assessment of antibacterial efficacy of materials used in space applications. It integrates AI and Machine Learning for automated detection and counting of microbial colonies.

We keep it to ourselves: Indian students open up on mental stress in US

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"As part of my six months research programme, when I entered the lab, it took a lot of time to understand how systems work here. This created a lot of anxiety on a daily basis as all other students having studied in USA were aware of the labs and the systematic research work there. But most of the times, I lacked peers around me to share the difficulties I was going through in terms of academics and research," the student said.

When asked if there are counsellors in the campus for students to approach in terms of mental health issues, she said, "There are counsellors and students can approach them whenever they go through mental health issues. However, as students, we keep these issues to ourselves and never seek help to address them."

Meanwhile, Rachana Raman who has sent her to son and daughter to study in USA, said, "We speak to them at least a week and it is mainly due to time difference and busy schedule at the universities. I agree that safety of our children with the current scenario in USA is definitely worrisome. We have sent them to study with a lot of risk."

She also stressed that students have a lot of pressure as they would have borrowed huge loans for higher studies. "The pressure exists because students have to secure jobs to repay the loans. And with the scale of pay in India, it will take a long time for them to repay loans. However, if they secure a job abroad, they can not only repay but also save some money for themselves."

Dr Arathi Krishna, MLC and Vice-Chairperson of state's NRI forum, said, "Students who travel abroad for studies usually approach us when they face visa issues. However, they have never approached us with mental health or harassment faced in the foreign universities. Some students can deal with the academic pressure while others give up."

MAHAVITARAN
Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.
SHORT TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited for Procurement of 33 KV 1200 Amp Auto Recloser through e-tendering process with an Estimated Cost of Rs. 142.91 Lakhs against MSEDCL advertised Tender on website vide No. MMD/T-HTM2-05/0226 due for submission on dtd. 04.03.2026
For details please visit website: https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/
HO PR 48/26 Chief Engineer (MMD)

Chemm Finance Ltd.
No.19, KCD Complex, 3rd Cross, Mission Road, Bangalore-27.
Tel: 22221066, 22221115
GOLD AUCTION NOTICE
The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on below mentioned dates. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. For further details please contact the branch manager.
03-03-2025 : Hubli - 125100177, 125100118.
04-03-2025 : Sunkadakatte - 112100085, 112100089, 112100151.
04-03-2025 : Bommanahalli - 114100078.
Authorised Officer

UJVN Ltd.
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O. "UJJWAL" Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone-0135-2763808 Fax 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com
RO No. 141 Corrigendum No.- 02 Date: 18.02.2026
e-Tender No. 01/DGM(E&M D-I)/UJVNL/2025-26
Pursuant to ITB Clause 7.0, "Addendum-II" has been uploaded on e-procurement portal.
Further, the earlier Tender ID "2026_UJVN_91143_1" has been revised to the new Tender ID "2026_UJVN_92110_1" on the e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in. The NIT downloaded earlier shall remain equally acceptable and valid. Other terms & condition shall remain same. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in".
Dy. General Manager (E&M Design-I)
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
No.6817/PW/EE/BRC/DB/DB-II/25-26 Puducherry, dt.18/02/2026
e-TENDERING NOTICE INVITING BID THROUGH RFP
On behalf of the President of India, Bids are invited for N/W : "Appointment of Consultant to carry out Consultancy Services for Comprehensive Renovation, Refurbishing, Modification of Internal Spaces, MEP works, Data lines and Face lifting the External Facades to the Secretariat Building at Goubert Avenue, Beach Road, Puducherry". Earnest Money : Rs.40,000/-, Period of Completion: 3 (Three) Months (Including Monsoon Period). Last time & date of submission of tender on (or) before 3.00 PM on 03.03.2026.
For further details please refer the website www.pudutenders.gov.in from 04.00 P.M on 19.02.2026.
No.836/DIP/AD(PRESS)/2025-26 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation And Ground Water Development Division, Ballari
IFT No. EE/MI & GWDD/Bly/AE-2/2025-26/2123
Date : 16.02.2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-3)
On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Ballari invited the tender for the work of under Head of Account CMIDP Siruguppa taluk 2 works in Two Cover System Minimum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.51.29 lakhs Maximum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.95.21 lakhs the tenderers should download and submitt the tenders from date : 16.02.2026 to 24.02.2026 upto 17.30 hours. Date & Time of opening Technical Bid is on 26.02.2026 at 11.00 hours. Opening of Financial Bid is on 02.03.2026 at 11.00 hours. Any other information should get by login the website "KPPP" website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/1018/KSMCA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client, SRI. DEVARAJ, son of Sri. Annelappa, residing at House No. 20/1, 10th Cross, Swimming pool Extension, Malleshwaram, Bangalore -560 003, and he was the absolute owner in respect of Immovable Property bearing Municipal No. 52, PID No. 15-48-52, E-PID No. 1239872688, 2nd Cross Road, Indiranagar slum, Rajajinagar, Bangalore formed in Survey No. 5, 3rd Block by BDA in Shivanahalli, Indiranagar Slum, now coming under BBMP Ward No. 15, Bangalore measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 18.6 feet consisting of Ground + 1 + 2 Floors along with all civic amenities and bounded on East by: Site No. 51, West by: Site No. 53, North by: Site No. 84, South by: 2nd Cross Road. That on 15/01/2026, when I was searching for the Original Sale Deed dated 30/08/2006, Document No. RJN-1-03006-2006-07, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore for registration of the Schedule Property in the name of Smt.S.Shalini and to hand over the Original to Smt. S. Shalini and I found it to be missed and I searched at my residence and all other possible places and could not find the same.
Hence, my client had lodged a Police Complaint intimating the loss of the said original Sale Deed on Online Platform dated 24/01/2026, any person/s finding the Original Sale Deeds may please to hand over the same either to the undersigned or to the Owner, if any person claiming any rights, title or interest based on the said sale Deeds should write the undersigned within 7 days of this Public Notice.
S.N. RAMAPRASAD, Advocate
No. 165, 2nd Floor, Near City Central Library, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560003

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
VILLUPURAM HIGHWAYS
(CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.58/2025-2026/HDO, Dated:17.02.2026
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online under Two Cover System will be received upto 28.02.2026, 11.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Villupuram Circle for CRIDP 2025-26 One work (VPM-129) for Cuddalore (H) C&M Division.
Details of work, approximate value of works, EMD (EMD through online payment Gateway of the Portal or e-BG will be the acceptable mode) availability of tender document and all other details are available from 19.02.2026 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),
C&M CIRCLE, VILLUPURAM
DIPR/1165/TENDER/2026

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
CHENNAI - KANYAKUMARI INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT,
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N.No. NCB/CKICP/RS-IP/MC2 dated:17.02.2026
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, tender through online will be received up to 25.03.2026, 15.00 hours (Server Time) by the Superintending Engineer (H) Chennai - Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project, Tiruchirappalli-20, for Road Safety Improvement works - 2 Numbers pertaining to Salem (H), Chennai - Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project Division and Tirunelveli (H), Chennai - Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project Division.
Details of works, bid security, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 20.02.2026 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in. If any changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H),
Chennai – Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project,
Trichy.
DIPR/1154/TENDER/2026

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
ONLINE E – AUCTION SALE OF ASSET
Reg. Office: 27 BKC, C-27, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051
Branch Office : Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.,Kotak House, 2nd Floor, No.22, M.G Road, Banglore-560001
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-auction Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Assets Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 Under Rule 8(5) Read With Proviso To Rule 9 (1) Of The Security Interest (enforcement) Rule, 2002. Subsequent To The Assignment Of Debt In Favour Of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited By Ford Credit India Private Limited (hereinafter Reffered To As "FCIPL/ Ford") The Authorised Officer Of Ford Has Taken The Physical Possession Of Below Described Immovable Property (hereinafter Called The Secured Asset) Mortgaged/charged To The Secured Creditor On 08.05.2019. Notice Is Hereby Given To The Borrower (s) And Guarantor (s) In Particular And Public In General That The Bank Has Decided To Sale The Secured Asset Through E-auction Under The Provisions Of The Sarfaesi Act, 2002 On "as Is Where Is", "as Is What Is", And "whatever There Is" Basis For Recovery Of Rs.17,41,60,905/- (rupees Seventeen Crore Forty One Lakh Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Five Only) Outstanding As On 17.02.2026 along With Future Applicable Interest Till Realization, Under The Loan Account No.01101; Loan Availed By Lathangi Motors Private Limited Represented By Its Managing Director And Authorised Signatory Mr. M.P. Vikram Setty As Per Below Details.

Particular	Detail
Date Of Auction	12.03.2026
Time Of Auction	Between 12:00 Pm To 1:00 Pm With Unlimited Extension Of 5 Minutes
Reserve Price	Rs.52,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.5,20,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Thousand only)
Last Date For Submission Of Emd With Kyc	11.03.2026 UP TO 6:00 P.M. (IST.)
Description Of The Secured Asset	All that piece and parcel of property bearing office Unit bearing T-304, New Municipal No.8-26, Old No.196/8, Property ID No.60-146-8/26, measuring 643 square feet of super built-up area including a plinth area of 525 square feet, situated on the 3rd Floor of the commercial building known as "Suraj Plaza", constructed on the land bearing No.196-8, 25th Cross, 8th "F" Mian, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru- 560011, in BBMP Ward No.60, Pattabhiramanagar, measuring 7,000 square feet, together with an undivided 243 square feet share of the said land and one covered car parking space bearing No.5 in the basement of the said building. Property bounded as: East: 8th "F" Main Road, West: Property bearing No. 197, North: Private Property, South: Private Property No.217
Known Encumbrances	NIL

The Borrowers' Attention Is Invited To The Provisions Of Sub Section 8 Of Section 13, Of The Act, In Respect Of The Time Available, To Redeem The Secured Asset. Borrowers In Particular And Public In General May Please Take Notice That If In Case Auction Scheduled Herein Fails For Any Reason Whatsoever Then Secured Creditor May Enforce Security Interest By Way Of Sale Through Private Treaty. In Case Of Any Clarification/requirement Regarding Assets Under Sale, Bidder May Contact Mr. Vijay Kumar Menon (Mob No.+919940572248)/Mr. Murali Mr. (mob No+919900448628) bidder May Also Contact The Bank's Ivr No. (+91-9152219751) For Clarifications. For Detailed Terms And Conditions Of The Sale, Please Refer To The Link https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html Provided In The Bank's Website I.e. www.kotak.com and/or On http://bankauctions.in/
PLACE: Bangalore, Karnataka
Date: 19.02.2026
For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.,
Authorized Officer

Bamul
BENGALURU CO-OP. MILK UNION LTD., [BENGALURU DAIRY]
Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bengaluru-560029. Ph: 080- 26096260/263
E-mail: bamulfinance@gmail.com & bamulerp@gmail.com Website:www.bamulnandini.coop
Tender Ref No: BAMUL/FIN/F6-57/2025-26 Date: 18-02-2026
SHORT TERM TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER THROUGH THE KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL
Bengaluru Co-op Milk Union Ltd., (BAMUL) Bengaluru, invites e- tender through e-Procurement Portal from the interested and eligible Professionals/Consultants to provide the following services.

Sl	Particulars	Estd Cost in Lakhs
01	Appointment of Finance Consultant/Advisor for ERP (Finance Module) Implementation for a period of one year	35.40
02	Appointment of IT Consultant For ERP Implementation for a period of one year	20.00
03	Appointment of Functional Consultant For E-Business Suite (EBS) for a period of one year	180.00

1	Access to E-tender Documents	18.02.2026 to 05.03.2026 till 02.00 PM
2	Pre-Bid Meeting /Tender clarification date & time	25.02.2026 till 11.30 AM
3	Last date for submission of tender/ quoting	05.03.2026 till 04.00 PM
4	Date & time for opening Technical Tender	06.03.2026 at 05.00 PM
5	Date & time for opening Commercial Tender	Will be intimated to the qualified tenderers
6	Place of opening of Technical and Commercial Tender	BAMUL (Bengaluru Dairy) Board Room

The Tenderers shall submit separate tender for the above, Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in Section VII to qualify for award of the contract.
The Earnest money deposit (E.M.D.) Valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender i.e. total for 135 days, Tender processing Fee, modes of e-payment, tender document details and other details are mentioned in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help line No: 8046010000/ 8068948777
Sd/- Managing Director
Tender Inviting Authority, Bamul

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar
Bengaluru - 560 009. Phone No. 080-22265383, website: www.kiadb.in
IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-84/2088/2025-26 Date: 18.02.2026
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)
Item rate Tender under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors (Civil) registered in KCEI who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:
Name of the Work : Providing partition & interior works including electrical works at 6th Floor of KIADB Head Office, Gandhinagar Bengaluru.
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : 04.03.2026 upto 4.00 pm.
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.
Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/5733/Zen/2025-26

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Bangalore Urban Virtual Branch : Office No. 180, Amrutha, 5Th Main, 4Th Block West, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011 (Karnataka).

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	**(COMBINE LOAN CODE_NO. 54210000001 Bangalore Urban Virtual Branch)** **Subbalakshmi R** (Borrower) **Vedavyasa K R** (Co Borrower)	**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY :** All that piece nd parcel of the residentially converted land by the Assistant Commissioner vide no. ALN:SR(A)319:2004-05, Bearing Sy No. 119/3 measuring 1Acre 10 Guntas situated at S. Mrdahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore and Bounded on the : **East by :** Land of Yellappa S/o Kivudappa, **West by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 119/2, **North by :** Road reaching Handenahalli Village and **South by :** Land of Thyavakanahalli Balappa. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY :** (Description of the residential FLAT) Flat bearing No. 3018 (third Floor) measuring 1205 square feet of super built up Area, along with the Undivided Share of Land Measuring 482 Square feet in the residential APARTMENT/S Known as " **MAYUR DAFFODILS**" to on the SCHEDULE-A Property. Bounded on the : **East by :** Corridor, **West by :** Open Space,**North by :** Flat No. 3019 and **South by :** Flat No. 3017.	**09-01-2024** **₹ 49,58,273.00**	**18-02-2026**

Place : Bangalore Urban Virtual
Date : 19.02.2026

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	**1) Mr. Raju, S/o. Kalingamaraiah, 2) Mrs. Bhagya, W/o. Raju**	**Loan Account No. 45380430000232 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the PDI No. 150200300702520102 Plot No.80/80 Chikkellur, Ramohalli, Tavarekere, Hobali Bangalore South, East and West 10.05 sq.mtr North and South 5.18 sq.mtr, total measuring 52.11 sq.mtr and **Bounded by: East by:** Muniyappa, **West by:** Mallayya, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Nanjundappa.	**Date of NPA: 01-02-2026 Demand Notice Date: 14.02.2026**	**Rs.5,06,495.81** (Rupees Five Lakh Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five and Eighty One Paisa Only) **due as on 09-02-2026**
2	**1) Mis. Janne Silpa, D/o. Jannegari Chinna Reddappa, 2) Mr. Jannegari Chinnareddappa, S/o. Annegari Peddareddappa**	**Loan Account No. 34019630001162 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.8, Sl.No.35, situated at Pillagumpe Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, presently comes under the limits of Chokkabnahalli Village Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Nataraia, **North by:** Property belongs to Lakshmipathi, **South by:** Property belongs to Nagaraia. Measuring East to West 63 feet and North to South 23 feet	**Date of NPA: 01-02-2026, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026**	**Rs.4,34,742.61** (Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Two and Sixty One Paisa Only) **due as on 09-02-2026**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 19.02.2026, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

HDFC BANK

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001
Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	**Mr. Athani Gururaj (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. 618273057 : Rs.24,96,309/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred and Nine Only) as on 30.09.2025**	**10.11.2025**	**18.02.2026 Physical**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing B.DA Vacant Site **No. 169 (One Hundred and Sixty Nine),** Anjanapura Layout, 7th Block, Bangalore In the Layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, measuring **East to West:** 12.00 (Twelve) Meters, **North to South :** 9.00 (Nine) Meters Total Measuring 108.00 Square Meters and bounded on : **East by :** Site No.175 (one Hundred And Seventy Five) **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 168 (One hundred and sixty eight), **South by :** Site No.170(One hundred and seventy) And any construction thereon present and future.
2	**Mr. Vijaya Kumar B (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. 1) 607740476 : Rs.19,74,522/- 2) 615590748 : Rs.3,63,425/- Total Amount : Rs.23,37,947/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Seven Only) as on 31.10.2025**	**14.11.2025**	**18.02.2026 Symbolic**	Flat-318, Floor-3, DS Max Sundale, Sy.No.76/17, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru 560060

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 19.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा
Bank of Baroda

Malleshwaram 10th Cross Branch

No.16, 10th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003
Ph: 080-23441879 / 23344127, E-mail: vjmawa@bankofbaroda.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, The Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Description of the Immovable Property	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD Bid Increase Amount & Last date of EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	**(1) Mrs. Nemelipuri Pushpalatha,** W/o Mr.Krishna Chandra Srikanth Nemelipuri D/o Mr. Theppala Krishna Rao 53-38-7, 4F-4, Shiva Karthik Residency KRM Colony, Seetammadhara Visakhapatanam, Andhra Pradesh-530013 **(2) Mrs. Nemelipuri Pushpalatha** W/o Mr.Krishna Chandra Srikanth Nemelipuri U-7,474, Upper Edward Street, Spring Hill 4000 Australia **(3) Mrs. Nemelipuri Pushpalatha** W/o Mr. Krishna Chandra Srikanth Nemelipuri Flat No. 102 P.No. 137 Pranav Arcade Siddartha Nagar, SR Nagar Hyderabad-500038 **(4) Mr. Theppala Krishna Rao** S/o Mr. Laxminarayana Rao 53-38-7, 4F-4,Shiva Karthik Residency KRM Colony, Seetammadhara Visakhapatanam, Andhra Pradesh-530013.	**Schedule A Property:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing residentially converted land in **Sy No.119/2** (Vide Official Memorandum No.ALN(A)(SH)SR98A/2011-12 dated 21/10/2011 issued by the Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District, presently bearing Handenahalli Village Panchayath Khata No.92/180, situated at S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, totally measuring 69815 Sq.ft. (Out of the total extent of **1 Acres 32 Guntas,** an area measuring **52'10"x162'8"** on the Northern Side is left for the Road widening) and the land bounded on: East by : Property bearing Sy No.119/1, West by: Property bearing Sy No.119/3, North: Road, South by: Property bearing Sy No.117. **Schedule B Property: 2333.58 Sq.ft**, Share of undivided interest in the schedule A Property with a right to construct and own Schedule C Property is the subject matter of sale in this Deed. **Schedule C Property:** Apartment / residential **unit No.180/7A, Sl No. 150200102701020439** also known **as A6,** on the basement, ground, first and second floors, of **VAISHANAVI ANANTYA,** being constructed on Schedule 'A' Property in terms of sanction plan, vide LAO 91/2011-12, dated 10.02.2012, duly sanctioned by the Anekal Development Authority, consisting of living, dining room, **4 Bedrooms,** kitchen, bathroom/s and toilet/s, balconies, servant's room together with common areas and facilities attributable thereto, with a super built up area of **5121.65 sq.ft.** (Built up area / plinth area is 3812.265 Sq.ft and proportionate common area is 1309.293 sq.ft), and A Covered car parking space, measuring **270 sq.ft**, along within the exempted amenities. The Villa is of RCC roofing, vitrified tiled flooring, wooden doors and windows and the Villa is bounded by: East by : Boulevard and Mayura Daffodils, West by : Villa No.180/8B, North by : Villa No. 180/6A, South by : Indus International School .	**Rs.4,33,89,810/-** (Rupees Four Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Only) and interest thereon from **04.02.2024** at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment.	**10.03.2026 Time of 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm**	**Reserve Price Rs.2,35,00,000/-** **EMD: Rs.23,50,000/-** **Bid Increment Amount Rs.50,000/-** **Last date of EMD : 10.03.2026 till 5.00 PM**	**Physical**	**With Prior Appointment from the Authorized officer.**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-23344127, Mobile : 9663895779

Date: 17.02.2026
Place:- Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
BUILDINGS AND ROADS DIVISION
P.W.D., KARAIKAL

e-TENDER NOTICE No. 57/PW/BRK/2025-26, dated. 17-02-2026

The Executive Engineer, Buildings and Roads Division, PWD, Karaikal, invites on behalf of the President of India, online bids for the following Work(s):

Tender No.57-01. Improvements to roads in Muthulakshmi Nagar, VG Nagar, Engineers Garden, Usain Nagar, Usain Palli Nagar, Crescent Avenue, Mullai Nagar and Lakshmi Nagar in Karaikal District. Estimate Cost: **Rs.9,35,05,062/-**(inclusive of GST). Earnest Money: **Rs.18,70,101/-** Period of Completion: **12 (Twelve) Months** (Including Monsoon period).

Tender No.57-02. Improvements to roads in A.M. Nagar & Extension, Ganesh Nagar, EB Nagar, Arun Sankar Nagar, Arief Maricar Nagar and Saraa Ummal Nagar in Karaikal District. Estimate Cost: **Rs.8,22,95,760/-** (inclusive of GST). Earnest Money: **Rs. 16,45,915/-** Period of Completion: **12 (Twelve) Months** (Including Monsoon period).

Last time & date of submission of tender **upto 4.00 P.M.** on **26-02-2026.** The bid forms and other details/information can be seen in the website: **https://pudutenders.gov.in**

No : 368/DiP/KKL/ADVT/2026

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER-B&R
P.W.D., KARAIKAL

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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.64,98,397/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Seven only)** as on **04-01-2026** together with further interest to be charged from **05-01-2026** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Pramukh Fabriques, 3rd Floor, Nos.5-6, Sharma Complex, Chickpet Road, Bengaluru - 560053. No.2) Mr. Kneil Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Gemanee, No.8, 2nd Floor, Shanmukha Enclave, Krishna Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South - 560004. No.3) Mr. Lalit Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Panechand Rathod, No.8, 2nd Floor, Shanmukha Enclave, Krishna Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South - 560004. Also at, Mr. Lalit Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Panechand Rathod, No.36/1, 2nd Floor, Sajjan Rao Road, VV Puram, Near Asaktha Poshaka Sabha, Bangalore - 560004. No.4) Mr. Gajendra Singh, S/o. Ramanand Singh, No.5, Prem Kutir, No.75, 18th Cross, 15th Main, Near to Janna Vijana Vidhya Peetha, Padmanabha Nagar, Bengaluru South, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru- 560070.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Gajendra Singh, S/o. Ramanand Singh)

Schedule - A : All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Corporation New No.5, Old Nos. Part of 58 and 59, 70 and 71 Situated at the 18th Cross Revenue Layout, Padmanabhanagara (South) Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk in BBMP Ward No.55, Measuring : East to West, Northern Side - 60 ft., Southern Side - 60 ft., North to South Eastern Side - 55 ft., Western Side - 55 ft., and Bounded on : East by - Site No. 72, West by - Site No. 69, North by - Part of Site Nos.58 and 59, South by - Road. Schedule - B : 320 Sq. ft. of the Undivided Share in the Schedule A Property and Flat No. TF-A, in 3rd Floor, in Schedule A Property known as Prem Kutir measuring 1,150 Sq.ft. of Super Built-up Area.

Reserve Price : Rs.60,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
10-03-2026	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-J C Road Branch,** Nos.61, 62, H.Siddiah Road, Urvasi Theatre Road, Sudham Nagar, J C Road, Bengaluru- 560002. Cell Nos.9025222688, 8925964904.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-J C Road Branch, Nos.61, 62, H.Siddiah Road, Urvasi Theatre Road, Sudham Nagar, J C Road, Bengaluru- 560002. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Cell Nos.9025222688, 8925964904. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 17-02-2026 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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WESTERN RAILWAY

Material Management Department

VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/09/2026 Date 16.02.2026

S.N.	Tender No	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
69	05253124A	ECO-Friendly Paper Packing (Bed Roll Cover)	5117200 Nos	16-Mar-26
70	11255040A	Procurement of 01 No. Advanced 08 Lane	1 Nos	11-Mar-26

CORRIGENDUM

Please read the due date as **"24.02.2026"** for the **Tender Notice No: S-67-2025 Dated: 13.11.2025 at Sr. No. 699**

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **wr.indianrailways.gov.in.** **1131**

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इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank
इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

VINAYAGAPURAM BRANCH

11/77, Perambur Redhills Road, Kalpalayam, Vinayagapuram,
Chennai - 600 099. Telephone : 044-25652352.
email : vinayagapuram@indianbank.bank.in

PUBLICATION DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec.13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent on 14.01.2026 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due :

To, (1) Mr. Manikandan Rajendran, (Borrower/Mortgagor), 97, Subramanya Nilaya, Garudappa Circle, Behind J.B. Kaval High School, Thigarapalaya, Peenya II Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 058. **(2) Mrs. R. Swetha, (Co-borrower/Guarantor),** 97, Subramanya Nilaya, Garudappa Circle, Behind J.B. Kaval High School, Thigarapalaya, Peenya II Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 058.

Sub : Your Home Loan Account No.7636883368 with Indian Bank, Vinayagapuram Branch - Reg.

You committed default in repayment of loan due to the tune of **Rs.51,39,311/- (Rupees Fifty one lakhs thirty nine thousand three hundred and eleven only)** as on **05.01.2026** with further interest at the agreed rate from 05.01.2026 till the date of repayment.

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **06.01.2026** upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.51,39,311/- (Rupees Fifty one lakhs thirty nine thousand three hundred and eleven only)** as on **05.01.2026.** The notice were sent to you by Regd. Post has been returned unserved/Acknowledgement not received.

You are called upon to pay **Rs.51,39,311/-** together with interest from 05.01.2026 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this demand notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities".

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder :

Mortgaged Asset - Schedule A (Total Property) : All that piece and parcel of vacant land comprised in Survey Nos.57, 58/1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 96/3, 4, 5, 97, 98, 99, 100/1A, 1B-part, 1C, 101, 102, 103/9 situated at No.223, Kanthalur Village, Chengalpet Taluk and in Survey Nos.264/4, 265, 266/1, 2, 267/1A, 1B, 268/1, 269/2, 271/1, 3A, 272/2B, 2A1, 4, 5, 6B, 8, 273, 274/2A, 2B, 3A, 275/1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 3A, 3C, 277, 278/2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 279/2, 3, 280, 281/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 282/1A, 1B1, 1B2, 4, 5, 283/1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 284, 286/4A, 4B, 6, 8 & 9 situated at No.225, pulipakkam Village, Chengalpet Taluk, totally measuring an extent of 26 Acres and 2 Cents and situated within the Sub Registration District of Joint II, Chengalpet. **Schedule B :** All that piece and parcel of vacant land being house site bearing Plot No.123, measuring to an extent of 1500 Sq. ft. and delineated in the plan annexed hereto and coloured in blue and situated at Pulipakkam Village, Chengalpet Taluk, Kancheepuram District of the housing layout now known as "Pallava Garden", as approved in D.T.C.P. No.113/2006 by the Director of Town and Country Planning and Patta No.756, comprised in part of Survey No.267/1A1A1A & 267/1B and bounded on the - North by : Plot No.122, South by : Plot No.124, East by : Plot No.118, West by : 23 feet wide Road. Admeasuring - North to South on the Eastern side : 30 feet, North to South on the Western side : 30 feet, East to West on the Northern side : 50 feet, East to West on the Southern side : 50 feet. And situated within the Registration District of Chengalpet and Sub Registration District of Joint II, Chengalpet. **Schedule C (Property hereby conveyed) :** 750 Sq. ft. undivided share of land from and out of above "B" Schedule (1500 Sq. ft.) in "Pallava Garden" and situated within the Registration District of Chengalpet and Sub Registration District of Joint II, Chengalpet.

Date : 19.02.2026
Place : Chennai

Authorised Officer,
Indian Bank.

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NAGPUR HOUSING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT BOARD, NAGPUR

(REGIONAL UNIT OF MHADA)

E-Tender Notice for the Year 2025-2026

Digitally Signed & unconditional online tenders in form **C-1** Agreement are invited by the Executive Engineer, Division-I, Nagpur Housing & Area Development Board, Nagpur, Gruha Nirman Bhavan, Opp. Deshpande Hall, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440001, Phone No. 07122565692, Email ID : exengr01@gmail.com on behalf of Dy Chief Engineer / Nagpur Board. It is not necessary for bidder to registered with state PWD/CPWD/MES/MHADA/CIDCO or any other Govt. agency / organization undertaking. The age of organization with experience in similar work shall not be less than 10 years. Also the eligibility criteria is as per PWD Govt. circular no. Sankirna-2017/C.R.121 (part+II)Building. 2. https://mahatenders.gov.in.

Name of Work	:	**Proposed Construction of 56 MIG Tenements (P+7) on KH. No. 179 & 180/2, CTS No. 368, Sheet No. 778, Mouza Chichbhavan, Tah. & Dist. Nagpur.**
Estimate Cost	:	**Rs. 18,57,19,371/- (Excluding GST, Royalty & Testing Charges)**
EMD @ 0.5%	:	**Rs. 9,38,000/-**
Period for Completion of work	:	**18 months (including monsoon)**
Cost of Documents	:	**Rs. 3,540/- (including GST).**
Document sale Start to End	:	**18/02/2026 @ 17.00 Hrs.** To **04/03/2026 @ 17.30 Hrs.**
Pre bid meeting	:	**24/02/2026 @ 15.00 Hrs.**
Bid submission Start to End	:	**18/02/2026 @17.00 Hrs.** To **04/03/2026 @ 17.30 Hrs.**
Technical Bid Opening	:	**05/03/2026 @ 16.00 Hrs.**
Opening Authority	:	**Dy. Chief Engineer - Nagpur Board**

The detail tender notice and all other details are available on portal for e–tender. Contractor is required to get enrolled on the portal https://mahatenders.gov.in and get empanelled in relevant sub portal. The registered contractor has to obtain the Digital Certificate.

* The tender document will be published online on the website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** on dt. 18/02/2026

* Tender may be cancelled at any point of time without given any reason.

Executive Engineer - I
Nagpur Housing And Area Development Board,
Nagpur.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client, **Mr. Sandarsha P.V.** Aged about 47 years, Son of Sri. Venkappa P.S., R/at 404, 14th B Cross, 2nd stage, 2nd Phase, Mahalakshmipuram Layout Post, Bengaluru-560 086[**Aadhaar No.7010 3009 6939**] has entered into Sale Agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **(1)Sri. Narayana,** S/o late Sri. Yallappa & Venkatamma, R/at No.186/12/24, 1st Main, Bhovipalya, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore – 560 086 [**Aadhaar No.4686 9948 8312] and (2) Sri. Lakshmana,** S/o late Sri. Yallappa & Venkatamma, R/at No.69, 1st Main, 8th Cross, Near Renuka Yellamma Temple, Bhovipalya, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore – 560 086 [**Aadhaar No.3374 1263 0139].** If any third parties have any objections/ claims of any manner right, title, interest or agreement over the same may lodge their claim with all supporting documents to the undersigned within **TEN (10)** days from the date of this public notice. Any claims/ objection mounted after the said date will not be entertained, treating that there are no objections and shall proceed with purchase of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being a Residential House bearing **BDA No.425** having PID No.14-99-425 & **e-PID No.2730162287**, situated at 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, WOC Road, Mahalakshmipura, Bangalore City, within the limits of BBMP–Ward No.67- Nagapura, measuring **East – West : 9.15 M or 30 Ft. and North – South : 12.20 M or 40 Ft., admeasuring 111.63 Sq. M. or 1200 Sq. ft.** having a constructed house measuring 74.322 sq. M. with water, electricity and drainage facilities and bounded on:

East by : Site No.426
West by : Site No.424
North by : Road
South by : Site No.421

Rudramurthy GT, Advocate
No.101, 1st Floor, Amar Tower, First Cross,
Gandhinagar Bangalore-560 009.
Cell: 9448080172 Date: 18/02/2026

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा
Bank of Baroda

ROSAR BRANCH

Bengaluru North, Regional Office, Bengaluru North,
4th floor, Vijaya Towers, M.G.Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru -1 .

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **06.03.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrowe/s/ Mortgagor/s/ and Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Give short description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD Amount Bid Increase Amount & Last date of EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	**(1) Mr. Pradeep Kasilinka &** **(2) Mrs. Pavana Deepthi Kavuri** **Both are residing at:** Flat No.112, Ground Floor, Pushpam E-Town, Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-562125. **Also at:** No.97, 1st Main Road, Shirdi Sai Layout Peddanapaly, Thavarekere, Magadi Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-562130. **Also at:** Flat No.101, Adithya Enclave, Balaji Nagar, 5th Lane, Near Vamsi Krishna Rice Mill, Amaravathi Road, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522007.	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Apartment No.112, in the Ground Floor with a Super Built Up area of 1198 Square Feet consisting of two bedroom in a Residential Apartment Complex known as "Pushpam E Town" consisting of Stilt, Ground and three upper floors constructed on Hadebahalli Village Panchayath E Khata No.150200102701084 situated at Sy No 164/3 and 165/1 of S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru.	**83,11,141.86** (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Eleven Thousand One Hundred And Forty One And Paise Eighty Six Only) as on **31.12.2025** plus other charges and further interest.	**06.03.2026** From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Reserve Price: **Rs. 29,24,100/-** EMD: **Rs.2,92,410/-** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 25,000/-** Last date of EMD: **06.03.2026 5.30PM**	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com
Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No.08025011368, Mobile: 8866556911
Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Water Bills and Maintenance charges etc. and if any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

Date: 18.02.2026 **Place:- Bengaluru** **Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

TAMIL NADU SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED

A-28, Thiru-Vi-Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-32.

e-TENDER NOTICE

Telephone No.044-2250 1632 FAX No.044-2250 0411

Rc. No. TANSI/46/2026-PA

1	Procurement of 18mm Commercial Plywood MR Grade of Various size as per IS: 303-2024 (with latest Reaffirmation)
	Procurement of 19mm BWP plywood IS 710 (2010) (with latest Reaffirmation
2	Labour Charges for Fabrication, Powder Coating, Assembly and Packing of Steel Single cot of Size: 78"x36"x18" including consumables and Transport charges at various places in Tamil Nadu

REFER THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE FOR DOWNLOAD TENDER DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATIONS

www.tntenders.gov.in

Principal Secretary/
Chairperson and Managing Director

DIPR/938/Tender/2026

ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಮಾವು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮತ್ತು
ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಪ್ರಾತ್ಯಕ್ಷಿಕ ಘಟಕ ಕುಂಭಾಪೂರ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
Email: pocoevegdwd@yahoo.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: KSMD&MCL/MD/ DDH/DWD/02/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.02.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯ: 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತರಕಾರಿ ಬೆಳೆಗಳ ಉತ್ಕೃಷ್ಟ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಕುಂಬಾಪುರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ, ಧಾರವಾಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾವು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲ ಉಪಕರಣ ತಯಾರಕರಿಂದ (Original Equipment Manufacturers) ಶೀಥಲಗೃಹ, ಹಣ್ಣು ಮಾಗಿಸುವ ಘಟಕ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರೀ–ಕೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಘಟಕ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯಗತಗೊಳಿಸುವಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲು ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸುವ ಕುರಿತು.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ: ಅಂದಾಜು **ರೂ. 82.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.** 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರ್ಮ್‌ನ ಬೆಲೆ: **ಇ–ಅಡಳಿತದನ್ವಯ.** 3) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **17.02.2026 ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 10.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ** 4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **26.02.2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ** 5) ಪ್ರೀ–ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **23.02.2026.** 6) ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **27.02.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** 7) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **02.03.2026 ಮುಂಜಾನೆ: 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** 8) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: **ರೂ. 1,64,000/–** (ರೂ. ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷದ ಅರವತ್ತನಾಲ್ಕು ಸಾವಿರ ಮಾತ್ರ). 9) ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ, ಫೋನ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು (ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು) ತರಕಾರಿ ಬೆಳೆಗಳ ಉತ್ಕೃಷ್ಟ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಕುಂಬಾಪುರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಫೋನ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9739700181. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಈ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಮಾವು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆ ಪ್ರಾತ್ಯಕ್ಷಿಕ ಘಟಕ,
ಕುಂಬಾಪೂರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/1250/ಅಡ್ವರ್ಟೋರ್/2025–26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(O)C-N/EE(E)/AE(E)//F-T6/25-26/3711(A) Date: 12.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites tender for the following works coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Operation)Circle-North, KPTCL, Bengaluru in **Two Part & Percentage Basis"**:

(1) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT3306-Work of increasing the vertical clearance of Existing Peenya-Bydarahalli SC line along with replacement of old HTLS Conductor of about 2.25km by new HTLS/HPC Conductor between location number 3 & 4 and 39, 40 &41 near Peenya Second stage and by providing new intermediate towers between T.No.3&4 and by replacing Existing tower bearing T.No.39, 40 & 41 by 66kV NBT KPTCL design towers **on Total Turnkey Basis.**

(2) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2903/call-3-Replacement of tof existing old 11kV MCVCBS of 11 kV Bank1, Bank-2,Bank-3 and its connected Feeders by MEI make -DAS and SCADA compatible 11 kV, 500MVA, 31.5 KA switchgears at 220/66/11 kV Hebbal Receiving Station **on Partial Turnkey Basis.**

(3) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3101/Call-2-"Providing Additional Earthing pits for grounding of 11KV Feeders & 66KV PT's, LA's, Transformer NCT at 66/11kV Attur yelahanka MUSS, pertaining to Hebbal Operations Division **on Total Turnkey Basis.**

(4) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT/3226/Call2- Bus-Coupling of Bank-2 and Bank-3 by laying of 1X1000 sq.mm UG cable between Bank-2 and Bank-3 at 66/11kV sub-station, Banasawadi **on Total Turnkey Basis.**

The Tender will be received through "KPP Portal" mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the KPP Portal process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 17.02.2025.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Elec.), Transmission (Operations)Circle-North, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024.

ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ, ಇಂಶಾಕಾ,
ನಿಮಪೋ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ–8, ಝಳಕಿ – 586204. ತಾ:ಇಂಡಿ,
ಜಿ: ವಿಜಯಪುರ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ: 08422–282227
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್:eezalakidiv8@gmail.com

ಸಂ:ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ/ಇಂಶಾಕಾವಿ–8/ಝಳಕಿ/ಡಿಬಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ–13/ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ/2025–26/1922 ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.02.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ, ಇಂಶಾಕಾ, ನಿಮಪೋ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ: 8 ಝಳಕಿ ತಾ: ಇಂಡಿ ಇವರು ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–3 ರಡಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ–1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ದ್ವೀ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ದತಿಯಡಿ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್–3 ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ

Name of Work: Emergency work for Removing the Collapsed and Unstable slopes from Km 75.00 to 77.00 km of IBC (Selected Reaches)

ಟೆಂಡರ ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 84.72ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ರೂ: **1,69,000/–**

ಟೆಂಡರಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ವಿವಿಧ ಹಂತಗಳು: 1] ಟೆಂಡರ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **23.02.2026** ರಿಂದ **02.03.2026** ರ **ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.**

2] ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**04.03.2026** ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ.

3] ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **06.03.2026** ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ.

ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ: 1) ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ರಜಾ ದಿನವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಹಾಗೆ ಘೋಷಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. 2) ಷರತ್ತಿನ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರಾಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 3) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಕೃಭಾಜನಿನಿ, ಇಂಶಾಕಾ, ನಿಮಪೋ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ:8,ಝಳಕಿ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/721/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to General public that my client Mr.Mohammed Umar, S/o Mr.M.Kamaluddin, Partner of M/s Khalifa Ventures, office at No.70/1, 8th Cross, Tank Bund Road, Bismillahnagar, Bengaluru – 560 029, is interested in Joint Development of the schedule property with its present owner Mrs.MERCY B LUKE D/o Late.Devanesan Samuel, Residing at No.43/1, Mosque Road, Near V.G.P, Fraser Town, Bengaluru-560 005. Anybody objecting the said transaction or having any right, title in the property may lodge their objections or claims with the undersigned along with the supporting documents within 10days of this publication. Any objection received thereafter will not be binding to my client and my client will proceed with the transaction presuming there being no claimants/objectors.

SCHEDULE

ALL that piece and parcel of the immovable property i.e, land together with the residential building standing thereon bearing Municipal Corporation No.14 (Old) New No.43, situated at Mosque Road, Fraser Town, Bengaluru, and within the limits of Municipal Corporation Division No.84, and measuring East to West 26 feet or 7.92 mts and North to South 30 feet or 9.14 mts, Total area of the site is 780sq.ft and further bounded on :

EAST by : Property allotted to the share of D.Martin & common passage
WEST by : Private Property,
NORTH by: Property allotted to Devakrubai D
SOUTH by: Conservancy Lane

Sd/- **Sri.R.Mohammed Riyazulla,**
Advocate,
No.20-B, 174/40, 1st floor, Lucky Paradise,
III Block Jayanagar 3rd Block,
Bengaluru – 560 011. Ph:-7406225802.
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಂ.ಕಕೊಅಮ/ಕಾಪಾಅ/ದಾವಿ/ಇ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ–04/2025–26/ ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.02.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹೊಸದುರ್ಗ ಪಟ್ಟಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಿ.ಎಂ.ಎ.ವೈ–ಹೆಚ್.ಎಫ್.ಎ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ 700 ಮನೆಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ 180 ಗುಂಪು ಮನೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ UGD. SEPTIC TANK & BOREWELL AND DRAIN ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 5475–00–115–0–06 ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ರ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 05.03.2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯುವರೆಗೆ Upload ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 07.03.2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

Indent No (1) KSDB/2025-26/OW/WORK INDENT431
Amount Put Tender:- 2,06,60,993/- EMD Amount:-3,09,915/-

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ
ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

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Government of Tamil Nadu

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Projects Circle, Madurai.

TENDER NOTICE

T.N. No. 18 /2025-26/SDO, Dated: 16.02.2026

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Scheduled Tender under Two cover system through online only** will be received **upto 27.02.2026, 12.15 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Projects, Madurai Circle for the works of **"Balance Works (Construction of Adjacent Spans of ROB in lieu of LC No.20 and LC No.1)** for the main work of "Construction of Road over Bridge in lieu of LC 20 at km 52/4 of Nagai – Gudalore – Mysore Road in between Railway km 30/000 – 100 at Needamangalam yard in Needamangalam Railway Station of Thanjavur - Nagore - Karaikal section and LC. No.1 at km 53/2 of Nagai – Gudalore – Mysore Road (NH67) in between Railway km 1/000 – 100 at Needamangalam – Mannargudi section" pertaining to Thanjavur(H), Projects Division.

Details of works, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **19.02.2026** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes/corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

**Superintending Engineer (H),
Projects Circle, Madurai.**

DIPR/1148/TENDER/2026

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrowers to repay the amounts mentioned against their respective name together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of publication of the said Notice, along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

SL. No	Borrower Name / Co-Borrower Name / Guarantor Name / Selling Bank/ Loan Account No/ Trust Name	Date of 13(2) Notice & Amount (in Rs.)	Date & Type of Possession
1	20009110000336, 20009110000409 & 20009110000339 Bandhan Bank Ltd Mrs Sunandamma M S, Mr Ramesh M S, Mr Sadanandappa M A, Mr Rajesh M S & Mr Nagaraj M S Arcil - 2024C - 004-Trust ("Arcil")	Notice Dt: 27th April 2019 Rs. 14,17,614.54 Ps (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen and Fifty-Four Paise Only) as on 25.04.2019	13th February 2026 & Symbolic Possession
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All that piece and parcel of the residential house Property No NA, Site No.26, Katha No. 3483/1505, Asst No. 3483, Ward No.1, Vedavati Nagar, Hiriyur Town, Dist: Chitradurga and the same **bounded as under: East:** Site No. 27, **West:** Site No. 25, **South** : Remaining part of Site No.26 belongs to M S Rajesh, **North:** Road.			

The borrowers mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and to the public in general that the Authorized Officer of ARCIL has taken Physical Possession of the properties / Secured Assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties / Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties / Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of ARCIL and interest thereon. The Borrers / Mortgagors / Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 19.02.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.,
Arcil Premier ARC
CIN - U65999MH2002PLC134884, Website : www.arcil.co.in
Registered Office : The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai – 400 028. Tel: +91 2266581300
Branch Address:- Unit No.3, 3rd Floor, Vishishta Arcade, No.2243, 23rd Cross, Banshankari 2nd stage, Bangalore, 560070, Karnataka

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Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD.)
Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002

DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB).** The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable property/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names **within 60 (Sixty) days** of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) (NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset(Immovable Property)
1	Branch: Channapatna SECNPTN0383831 Borrower: Mr/Mrs Punith V Co-Borrower: Mr/Mrs Bhagyamma Mr/Mrs Venkatesh	20.12.2025 & Rs.4,58,795	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Schedule Property No. 152900102100300370 Katha No.247/2 Situated At Mudagere Village, Mudagere Grama Panchayath, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagaar. Measuring East To West 9.10 Mtr (30 Feet), North To South 12.20 Mtr (40 Feet), Total Extent 111.02 Sqmtr (1200 Sqft) And House Builtup Area 54.40 Sqmtr., North by : Property Of Halappa, South by: Property Of Susheelamma,East by: Property Of Puttaswamygowda,West By : Road.

Date: 19.02.2026, Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE LABORATORY FOR ELECTRO-OPTICS SYSTEMS (LEOS)

PEENYA, BANGALORE-560058.
LEOS CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE DIVISION (LCMD)
[Phone: (080)-22685088, 5047, 5045, 5086, (080)-28392310]

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIET)

On behalf of the President of India, item rate e-tender are invited for the following works:

Name of the work : NIT NO & Date: Supply, Installation, Testing and commissioning of Compressed Air Facility at optics block, MEMS area and ETF lab, LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore- 560058. NIET No: C&MG/LEOS/Compressed Air/ETN-02/2025-26 Dtd: 10.02.2026; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 17.12 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 34,240/-; Period of Completion in months :** 05 months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 19.02.2026; **Closing Date :** 09.03.2026

Name of the work : NIT NO & Date: Rate contract for Supply, laying and termination of LT cables at LEOS campuses Peenya, Bangalore-560058 – for a period of one year. NIET No: LEOS/CMG/EMN-07/2025-26 Dtd: 10.02.2026; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 12.48 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 24,960/-; Period of Completion in months :** 12 months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 20.02.2026; **Closing Date :** 10.03.2026

Name of the work : NIT NO & Date: Electrical works for proposed extension and modifications to Director's Office at 1st Floor of Admin block, LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore-560058. NIET No: LEOS/CMG/EMW-09/2025-26 Dtd: 10.02.2026; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 12.17 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 24,340/-; Period of Completion in months :** 6 months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 18.02.2026; **Closing Date :** 06.03.2026

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting **e-Tender** (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

**Sd/-
GROUP DIRECTOR
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP (C&MG)
URSC, BANGALORE.**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
#2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone No. 080-22265383. website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-83/2082/2025-26 Date:18.02.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Class-II & above (Electrical) contractors registered in KCEI, who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work: Reconditioning, Operation and Annual maintenance of street lights at Kumbalagudu 1st & 2nd Phase, Attibele & Veerasandra Industrial Area, Bengaluru.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **06.03.2026 upto 04:00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the KPPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1

DIPR/CP/JA/5720/2025-26

HAVERI DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD

VETERINARY HOSPITAL COMPOUND, P.B.ROAD, HAVERI-581110
PH.NO:08375-200650, 9480179682 E-mail: pandihavemul@gmail.com/purhavemul@gmail.com

NO: HAVEMUL/PUR/CATTLE INSURANCE TENDER/2025-26/ Date:18.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER

(Two cover system through e-Procurement portal only)

Haveri District Co-Operative Milk Union Limited, Haveri invites E-Tenders for Cattle Insurance contract Basis for the following

Ref: KPPP Tender No: KMF/2025-26/SE4912

Sl No	Tender Name	Details	Capacity of the Insurance Policy
1	Cattle Insurance	HAVEMUL Invites Technical and Commercial Tender(Two Cover System) from "Wholly Government of India Undertaking Public Sector General Insurance companies" (IRDAI certified) who deal with the Cattle Insurance for cross Breed Heifers/Cows/ Buffaloes (Without PTD Coverage) of Members of the Milk Producers Co-Operative Societies affiliated to Haveri Milk Union Limited for a period of One year	(Approximately) 10000 No

Calendar of Events :

A	Access to E-tender portal	From 18-02-2026 to 26-02-2026 till 5.00 pm
B	Date and Place of Pre bid meeting	Haveri District Co-Operative Milk Producers Societies Union Limited (Havemul) Veterinary hospital Compound, P.B.Road Haveri-581110
C	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications	23-02-2026 at 11.00 am
D	Last Date & Time for receipt to of tenders	26-02-2026 at 5.00 pm
E	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Tender	02-03-2026 at 11.00 am
F	Date & Time for Opening of Commercial Tender	Will be intimated

1. Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the same address. HAVEMUL will not be responsible for server/website problems if any, late submission/part submission or non-receipt of the same. **2.** The tenderers are required to pay Rs.50,000/- Earnest money deposit (E.M.D) only through e-procurement portal using any of the four modes given in Tender document., **3.** Other details may be obtained from the tender document. Technical Clarifications if any may be obtained from Manager(P&I) at the above address during office hours., **4.** The understanding reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/-Managing Director, Haveri District Co-Operative Milk Union Ltd

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AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road,
Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE

See Rule - 8(1)
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.,** under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 6 & 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Axis Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mr. Davinder Kumar S/o Harbans Lal, Flat 7 312/34Al Suq Road, DM 23 PO Box 1 Dubai. **Also At :** House No 260 Avtarnagar Jalandhar Punjab 144001. **Also at :** Accountant Office No.326, 3rd Floor Business Village, B Block, Port Sheed Dubai 500001. Amazon Ltd Baumane Constellation Business Park Ferns City Doddanekundi 560048 **(Borrower/Applicant). (2) Mrs. Narinder Kaur** W/o Davinder Kumar, House No 260 Avtarnagar Jalandhar Punjab 144001 **(Co Applicant/Guarantor).**

Loan A/c No : PHR056112050253

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 1,83,78,155 /- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Three Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty Five Only) being the amount due as on **19.07.2025** and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 19.07.2025 **Possession Notice Dated : 18.02.2026**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY : SCHEDULE

All that Part and Parcel of the No 29 Khata No 217 Muncipal No 3 Assessment No 3 and 4 Situated at 6th Cross SSA Road Hebbal Bangalore North Bangalore 560032 Karnataka together with all buildings and structures there on fixtures fittings and all plant and Machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future and Bounded as follows: East by : 25 Feet Road, West by : Site No 36, North by : Site No 30, South by : Site No 28.

For any clarification please contact Mr. Prem 8880051234

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mrs. Shashi Kumar.M D/o Mr. Muniraju, No.7, Parijatha Building, Suryodaya Layout, Shivram Karanth Nagar, Thegdenagar, Bangalore-560077. **Also at :** No.400, Thanisandra, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore-560045. **Also at :** Site No.29, Khatha No.477/32/3A/29, Sampigenahalli Village, Yelahanka, Hobli, Bangalore-560064. **(Borrower/Applicant), (2) Mr. Muniraju** S/o Mr. Muniyappa, No.7, Parijatha Building, Suryodaya Layout, Shivram Karanth Nagar, Thegdenagar, Bangalore-560077. **Also at :** No.32-G, Thanisandra, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore-560045. **Also at:** Site No.29, Khatha No.477/32/3A/29, Sampigenahalli Village, Yelahanka, Hobli, Bangalore-560064. **(Co-Applicant/Guarantor).**

Loan A/c No : PHR051401616355

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 29,61,198 /- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Sixty One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight Only) being the amount due as on **14.10.2025** and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 14.10.2025 **Possession Notice Dated : 18.02.2026**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY : SCHEDULE
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY BELONGS TO Mrs. Shashi Kumar

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Residential Vacant Northern Portion of Site No. 29, Old BBMP Katha No. 477/32/3A/29, New BBMP Khata No. 477/32/3A/29/1, situated at Sampigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently come under BBMP Limits., and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances there to and measuring:- East to West : 40-0 feet, North to South : 40'-0 feet, Total Area : 1600 Square Feet, and bounded as follows: East by : Site No. 10, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 28, South by : Remaining Portion of Site No. 29.

For any clarification, please contact Mr. Prem Mobile No. 8880041234.

Date : 18.02.2026
Place : Bangalore

**Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank**

TJSB SAHAKARI BANK LTD.

MULTI-STATE SCHEDULED BANK

Registered Office : TJSB House, Plot No. B5, Road No. 2, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West) - 400 604. **Ph.** 022-2587 8500

Goa-Karnataka Recovery Department:- TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd. 1st Floor, Lakshdeep Apartment, Near Damodar Temple, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa – 403802
Ph. 8655403317. **E-mail - gokarnarecovery@tjsb.co.in**

PUBLIC AUCTION

TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd. has initiated recovery action against the following defaulted borrowers through the **Authorized Officer of the Bank, appointed under, the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** and the rules made there under has issued **Demand Notice on 28.08.2024 under section 13(2)** of the said Act, to **1. Mr. Ranjith P (Borrower & Mortgagor) 2. Mr. Sam Willingson (Guarantor) and 3. Mr. Ravi R (Guarantor).**

The Borrowers, Mortgagors & Guarantors have not repaid the amounts as stated in the Demand Notice within the stipulated period. Hence, the Authorized Officer has taken the **physical possession of the immovable property** mentioned herein below **u/s 13(4) and Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002.**

I, the undersigned as the **Authorized Officer of TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** have decided to sell the below mentioned Immovable property on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" , without movable assets** by inviting Tenders as laid down in prescribed laws.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s)	Date of Demand Notice & O/s. Amount	Description of Immovable Property with Reserve Price and EMD Amount
To, 1) Mr. Ranjit P ... Borrower & Mortgagor 2) Mr. Sam Willingson ... Guarantor 3) Mr. Ravi R ... Guarantor (Rajaji Nagar Branch - Bengaluru) Loan Account No. SS-M/115305000000064 PSLN-M/115303500000120	Demand Notice Date 28/08/2024 Outstanding Amount as on 31/05/2024 Rs.52,63,578.00 (Plus further interest and cost thereon from 01.06.2024)	All the piece & parcel of **Residential Apartment bearing No.GF-03, Ground Floor, measuring 1065 sq.ft. super built up area** with tiles flooring, main door and other doors/windows are of sal wood, on covered car parking place, part of multistoried residential apartment known as **"SREE SAI ENCLAVE",Property No.139/C, Sy No.5, Seegehalli Village, K. R. Puram, Hobli,** presently within the limits of BBMP, New ward No. 53, New ward Name: **Basavanapura Ward** and within the jurisdiction of **Shivajinagara, Bangalore East.** **Reserve Price : Rs. 45,50,000.00** **EMD:- Rs. 4,55,000.00**
Place of Auction : TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd. Rajaji Nagar Branch, Property no. 6, Municipal No. 6/112, 1st Main, 1st Block Ward no 14, Rajaji Nagar, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bangalore East- 560010.	**Date and time of Inspection of Property : 04.03.2026 between 11.00 A.M. To 02:00 P.M. and or any working day with prior approval From Authorized Officer of Bank.**	**Date and Time of Auction of Property : 11/03/2026 at 11:00 A.M.**

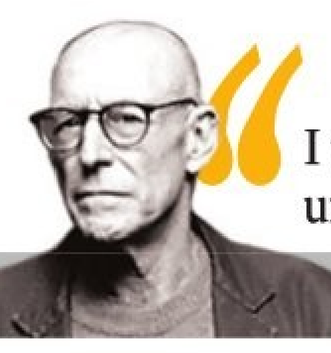
Terms & Conditions:-

1. The offer to be submitted in a sealed envelope super scribed, **"Offer for purchase of Residential Apartment No.GF-03, Sree Sai Enclave Seegehalli Village, K. R. Puram, Hobli, Bangalore East"** and bring/send the said offer sealed cover envelope at above-mentioned auction venue on or before **10.03.2026 before 05.00 P.M.** by the prospective bidder & EMD amount to be transferred through **RTGS/NEFT to Account No. 001995200000006, IFSC Code - TJSB0000001 on or before 10.03.2026 before 05:00 P.M.**
2. Offers so received by the undersigned will be opened and considered on **11.03.2026** at the above-mentioned auction venue as per respective time.
3. The Undersigned hereby informs to the Borrower/ Mortgagor/s, and/or legal heirs, Legal representative(s) (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) (since deceased) or absconding, as the case may be, to pay entire dues within **15 days** from the date of the notice; otherwise Authorized officer shall proceed to sell the mortgaged property/(ies) mentioned herein above in accordance with the **Rule 8(5) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**
4. All or any such person(s) having any share, right, title, benefit, interest, claim, or demand in respect of the said property or to any part thereof by way of sale, allotment, exchange, mortgage, let, sub-let, lease, lien, charge, maintenance, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, easement, trust, bequest possession, assignment or encumbrance of whatsoever nature or otherwise are requested to intimate to the undersigned in writing at the address mentioned below of any such claim accompanied with all necessary and supporting documents within **07 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim, and any such person shall be deemed to have waived of his rights and the same shall not be binding on **TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd.**
5. Tender forms along with the terms and conditions sheet will be separately available with office of **Authorized Officer at the cost of Rs.100/- Plus Rs.18/- GST Total Rs.118/- (Contact No. 8655403317, 8660627843, 7353979222, 9850947099).**
6. The undersigned reserves his right to accept or reject any offer and/modified to cancel and/or postpone the Auction.
7. The Auction will be finalized by the bank only. The bank does not authorize any other person or agency for the said auction.

This Publication is also 15 days' notice to the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors of the above said loan accounts.

Date: 19/02/2026,
Place: Vasco Da Gama

Sd/-
Authorized Officer,
Under SARFAESI Act, 2002
For & on behalf of TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd.



“I think perfect objectivity is an unrealistic goal; fairness, however, is not

Michael Pollan

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— **Ramnath Goenka**

DELHI, PARIS CRAFT THE GEOMETRY OF GLOBAL STABILITY

AS global politics faces more strain and uncertainty, India and France have chosen deeper alignment as their response. By elevating their ties to a ‘special global strategic partnership’, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron signal that their partnership is meant to do more than weather turbulence. They aim to actively shape and stabilise a fragile global order. From Ukraine to West Asia and the Indo-Pacific, the international system is visibly fraying. Supply chains are weaponised. Multilateral institutions are paralysed. Great-power competition is now more zero-sum. Amid this volatility, New Delhi and Paris advance a clear proposition: strategic autonomy lasts when anchored in trusted partnerships.

France brings Europe’s most credible Indo-Pacific military footprint and a long tradition of independent strategic thought. India contributes demographic scale, economic momentum and a growing voice across the Global South. Together, they form a stabilising bridge between Europe and Asia, guided by pragmatic realism. Defence remains the steel spine of this compact. The induction of Dassault Rafale jets and negotiations for 114 more from Dassault Aviation show continuity. The real shift, however, lies in India’s insistence on co-production, technology transfer and deeper industrial integration. With one of the world’s largest defence budgets, India seeks to be a co-architect of capability. For France—whose defence sector relies significantly on exports—the future lies in embedding itself within India’s manufacturing and innovation ecosystem. This relationship is no longer a buyer-seller equation. It is now strategic co-creation. The inauguration of the Airbus H125 helicopter assembly line in Karnataka reflects this evolution. Advanced aerospace manufacturing, anchored in India and powered by French technology, signals more resilient supply chains and shared strategic depth.

The partnership is also expanding into critical minerals, advanced materials, clean energy and health technologies—sectors that will define power in the 21st century. Mobility agreements, skilling initiatives and innovation platforms recognise that talent flows are critical assets. Societal linkages are being built to outlast political cycles. President Macron’s invitation to India to help shape the 2026 G7 agenda signals a recalibration. No credible response to macroeconomic imbalances, development gaps or fragile supply chains can exclude New Delhi. Through their partnership, India and France wager that aligned middle powers can anchor stability in a turbulent century. They seek to strengthen bilateral ties and redraw the geometry of global power and influence.

GUARANTEES vs GROWTH KARNATAKA BUDGET BIND

THE Karnataka government is pruning allocations to the five guarantee schemes credited with bringing the Congress back to power in 2023. It plans to do so not by cutting overall outlays, but by weeding out ineligible beneficiaries across the schemes. The move is welcome, though it should have been instituted from the outset to ensure that only eligible beneficiaries received the benefits.

Soon after assuming office in May 2023, the government rolled out the five guarantees: Gruha Lakshmi, which provides ₹2,000 a month to the woman head of a household; Gruha Jyothi, which offers free electricity up to 200 units; Anna Bhagya, which supplies free foodgrains to below-poverty-line families; Shakti, which enables free travel for women in non-premium state-run buses and Yuva Nidhi, which provides a monthly unemployment allowance of ₹3,000 to graduates and ₹1,500 to diploma holders for up to two years. A significant share of the total allocation goes to Gruha Lakshmi. Since its launch, ₹57,300 crore has been disbursed to 1,24,12,543 women beneficiaries. In the July 2023 supplementary budget, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the finance portfolio, earmarked ₹35,410 crore for eight months for the guarantee schemes. The outlay rose to ₹56,000 crore in 2024-25. In the current financial year, the allocation stands at about ₹51,000 crore, with the moderation attributed to the gradual removal of ineligible beneficiaries.

As the 2026-27 state budget approaches, the chief minister faces a delicate balancing act. Apart from Opposition criticism, even ruling party legislators have complained about inadequate development funds for their constituencies. The Karnataka State Contractors’ Association has threatened to halt infrastructure works on the eve of the budget presentation, likely on March 6, citing delays in clearing pending dues. It claims that bills amounting to ₹37,370.76 crore remain unpaid across major boards and departments, including the Irrigation Department, Greater Bengaluru Authority, Housing Department, Waqf Board, Slum Development Board, Urban Development Department and Water Resources Department. The government appears caught in a guarantees-versus-development bind, bringing its fiscal prudence under a cloud. Given the political weight of the schemes, any further pruning will be closely watched by the Congress leadership in New Delhi, which views Karnataka as central to its future prospects.

QUICK TAKE

NET WEIGHT

THE internet drives modern life. But what does it weigh? Moving and storing data through cyberspace requires energy, which Einstein demonstrated has mass, so in theory, it is possible to calculate the internet’s weight. Harvard physicist Russell Seitz did so, claiming the internet, in terms of the mass of electrons in motion, has the weight of a strawberry. Around 50 grams. Obviously, it is a thought experiment to quantify the intangible. Imagine what it takes to run the strawberry—tonnes of equipment and miles of cables across vast data centres. It’s a sobering thought as the world currently considers how not to get weighed down by another intangible, synthetic intelligence at the AI Summit.

A landslide in Tokyo gives the new government room to act in a tough age. This shift will shape Asia. India must step up with firm will and a strong plan

NEW MANDATE IN JAPAN AND INDIA’S MOMENT

AMITABH MATTOO

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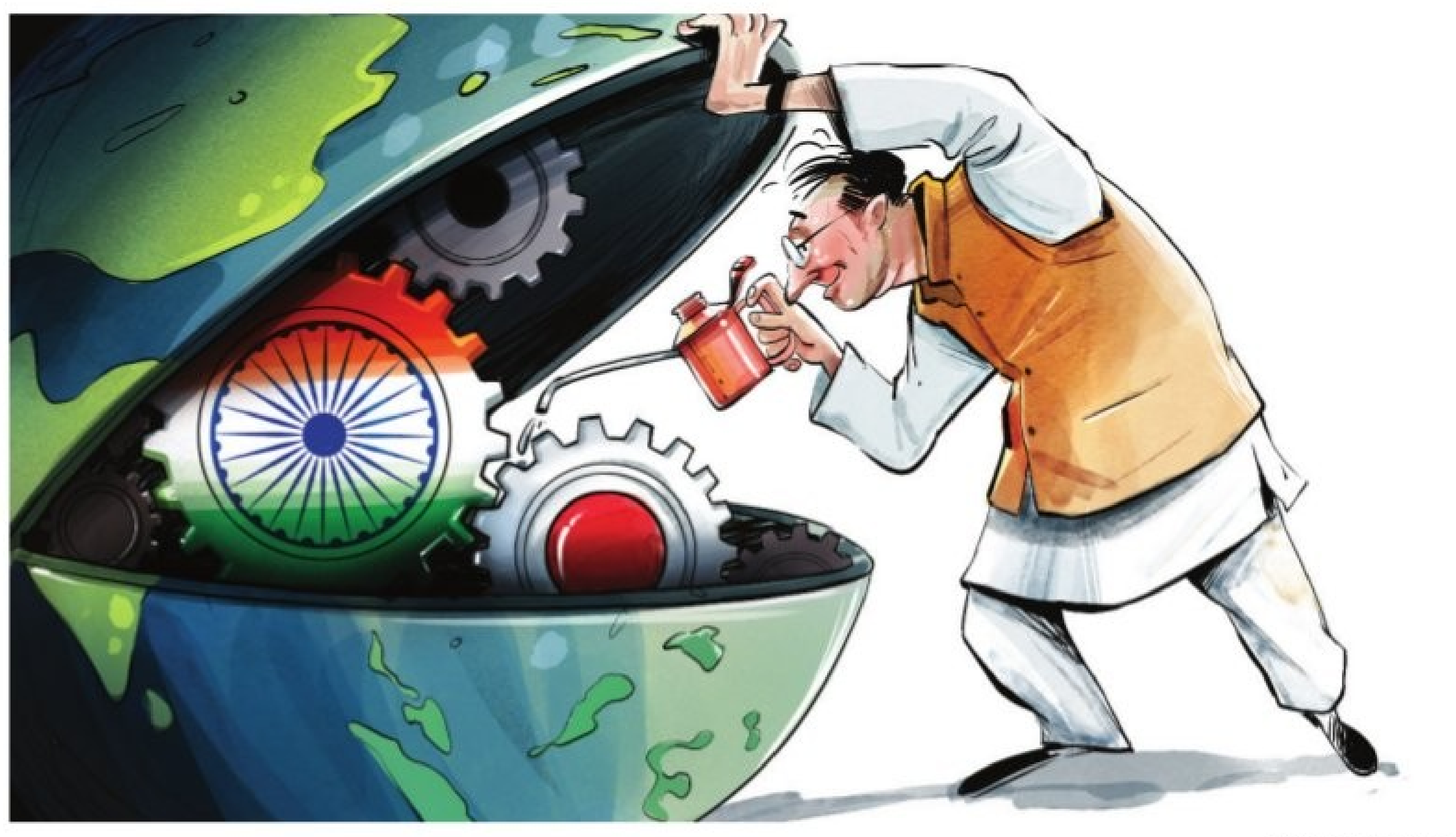

MANDAR PARDIKAR

JAPAN rarely produces political moments that feel genuinely transformative. Its post-war politics have been marked less by dramatic rupture than by careful continuity; leadership changes within a broad consensus. But the decisive mandate that has brought Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, Japan’s first woman to hold the office, to power is different. It’s not merely a social milestone; it’s a moment of strategic reckoning. India cannot afford to ignore this moment.

With a commanding parliamentary majority and renewed political authority, Tokyo now possesses something rare: the capacity to act decisively. Whether it chooses to do so will shape the balance of power across Asia.

Since the Meiji Restoration of 1868, Japan has shown an extraordinary ability to reinvent itself under pressure. The leaders of Meiji understood that survival in a world dominated by imperial powers required bold transformation. They adopted Western institutions without surrendering cultural identity. That lesson reverberates through Japan’s history: in its rise, its wartime tragedy, and its remarkable post-war reinvention as a pacifist economic powerhouse under the Yoshida Doctrine, which prioritised economic recovery and relied on the US for security.

Today, Japan appears to be entering a post-Yoshida moment, when the assumptions of strategic restraint are being reconsidered in light of a far more demanding geopolitical environment.

The electoral verdict reflects a public mood that recognises the gravity of the strategic environment. The rise of China, intensifying geopolitical competition, technological fragmentation and uncertainty about American commitments have eroded the comfort of strategic ambiguity. PM Takaichi’s appeal rests partly on her willingness to articulate what many Japanese have long sensed: the country must move beyond cautious incrementalism toward strategic normalisation, assuming greater responsibility for its security and regional stability.

Foreign policy will test whether this mandate brings real change. The alliance with the US remains indispensable. Yet, it’s entering a more complex phase. Washington’s strategic focus is increasingly divided. Its domestic politics—with Trump at the helm—bring unpredictability that allies cannot ignore. Tokyo must preserve the alliance, while also building the ability to act more confidently when needed.

China remains the central strategic variable. Economic interdependence coexists uneasily with deep geopolitical rivalry. Maritime frictions in the East China Sea, persistent grey-zone pressures and the ever-present risk of a Taiwan crisis underscore the fragility of the regional equilibrium. Japan’s shift toward stronger deterrence reflects not adventurism but recognition that stability must be actively sustained. Defence spending will go beyond two percent of national income and the nuclear option is being debated.

Yet, Japan’s challenge is also internal. Demographic decline, fiscal constraints and debates over economic reform will test the government’s ability to convert political capital into durable policy. Strategic ambition must be matched by economic resilience.

For India, the implications are profound. I was in Tokyo at the height of the purposeful strategic partnership between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the late Shinzo Abe. There was a shared conviction that India and Japan could shape the Indo-Pacific, not merely respond to it. They were entering a new phase of cooperation. That spirit—grounded in trust, strategic imagination and political will—infused partnership with momentum. That spirit now needs urgent revival.

On November 23, 2025 Modi and Takaichi held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Johannesburg. Recent meetings of the foreign and defence ministers in the India-Japan ‘2+2’ framework underline the institutional depth of the ties. These dialogues have reaffirmed cooperation across maritime security, defence technology and regional strategy. However, they also serve as a reminder that sustained engagement must now translate into sharper coordination and concrete outcomes.

Too often, however, India has treated the relationship with Japan as comfortable rather than consequential—a partnership of goodwill rather than one of strategic depth. In a region that is itself entering a post-Yoshida strategic environment—where economic interdependence can no longer substitute for hard security—such complacency would be a mistake. If Japan under PM Takaichi is entering a phase of strategic activism, India must respond with equal seriousness.

First, defence cooperation should deepen dramatically. The logic of maritime geography alone argues for closer coordination across the Indian Ocean and the Western Pacific. Joint exercises must evolve into sustained operational familiarity. This includes enhanced information sharing, coordinated patrols, and collaboration in emerging domains such as cyber and space. Co-development of defence technologies would strengthen deterrence and signal long-term commitment.

Second, economic engagement must be elevated into a strategic compact focused on resilient supply chains in critical sectors—semiconductors, clean energy, advanced manufacturing and digital infrastructure. India must ensure policy coherence and regulatory predictability to match its strategic ambitions.

Third, diplomatic coordination should become systematic, ensuring that New Delhi and Tokyo act in concert on regional challenges.

Strategic autonomy does not mean strategic hesitation. For India, treating Japan as a central pillar of its external strategy is not a departure from principle but its logical evolution in a changing world.

At a time when authoritarian models claim decisiveness as their advantage, the partnership between India and Japan demonstrates that democracies can combine legitimacy with strength. This is not merely a matter of values; it’s a strategic necessity.

PM Takaichi’s mandate has created expectations in Japan that cannot be easily deferred. Her leadership will be judged by whether she can translate political momentum into structural reform and position Japan as a confident actor in regional affairs.

The emerging order in Asia will not be shaped solely by great powers but by the ability of countries like India and Japan to act with foresight and conviction. The Modi-Abe era showed what is possible when political will aligns with strategic vision; reviving that spirit is now imperative. History reminds us that moments of transition are fleeting. Japan has been given such a moment. India must recognise that it has been given one too. This is not a moment for routine diplomacy; it’s a moment for resolution. *(Views are personal)*

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THE IDEA OF NEUTRAL LAW

SAAI SUDHARSAN SATHIYAMOORTHY

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THE standard foundational myth of political modernity portrays the modern State as the offspring of a linear trajectory of disenchantment. In this narrative, modern States—a Westphalian conception—resulted from a long-drawn process of subtraction: as societies modernised, they shed religiosity and theology, make-believe and mysticism, replacing reverence for the supernatural with scientific certainty and Popperian rationalism.

The transformation into political modernity required a shift in the epistemic basis of what the polity held to be true—from the transcendent to causality. The idea of an ordered cosmos governed by divine provenance thus perished. With the collapse of this moral and political order, the death of God in our immanent realm became inevitable.

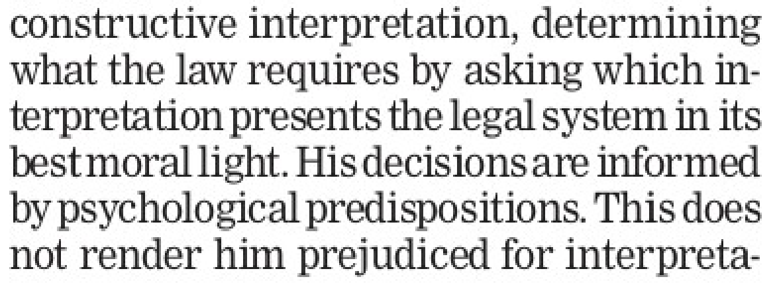
A central anxiety of the incipient liberal secular State, bereft of a supreme source of moral law, lay in establishing the foundations of its authority. While the State required civic virtue, solidarity and cohesion, it faced a dilemma. If it were to guarantee these on the basis of a religious ethos, it risked ceasing to be secular, for religious arguments rely on revelation that cannot be shared by all reasonable agents.

If, however, the State provided only a skeletal procedure without replenishing moral capital, it could become vulnerable to illiberal forces. Mere legal compulsion could not secure cohesion. Yet the moral fibre of constitutional rights and duties must originate somewhere. States addressed this dilemma by displacing religion with a democratic ethos, inventing a shared language of legitimacy supported by an origin story and a civil religion that were non-denominational, binding the populace to the State’s ideals.

They established a mythology around their creation—and often their constitutions—that endowed their existence with meaning and inspired an emotional response from their citizenry. Such myths need not be historically accurate to be effective. What matters is that they answer the need for significance, explaining why the nation exists, what it stands for and what destiny it embodies.

State and its machinery are composed of individuals with distinct experiences, knowledge, conceptions of self and visions of destiny. Some may be religious with deep convictions. Most possess the capacity to view the world collectively and in a detached manner. Yet, each remains situated in a particular place with a particular perspective.

This tension is most evident in the judiciary. For the judge, it manifests with special force: the role demands impartiality, the application of law to facts without regard to personal preference. Yet, the judge’s perspective is shaped by birth, religion, ideology, geography and time. He doesn’t merely apply rules mechanically. He engages in constructive interpretation, determining what the law requires by asking which interpretation presents the legal system in its best moral light. His decisions are informed by psychological predispositions. This does not render him prejudiced for interpretation proceeds from within a historically determined horizon that shapes what counts as meaningful, relevant or persuasive.



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> Judges, as agents of the secular functioning of the State, may privately hold religious convictions but must publicly justify decisions using reasons accessible to citizens. However, objective reasoning with complete neutrality is a tall order many modern States couldn’t ace

Prejudices—pre-judgements—are not always obstacles to understanding but can be its conditions. Legal interpretation may thus be understood as a dialogue between judge and text—a dynamic exchange each shaping the other. This is not to suggest that religious and secular perspectives are equally appropriate for judicial reasoning. Liberal neutrality does not claim an Archimedean point outside traditions but seeks a *modus vivendi*—an accommodation amid pluralism—identifying an overlapping sphere in which diverse traditions find common ground.

Is neutrality in law then a myth? In any serious case, recognised techniques of reasoning can be deployed to reach a range of conclusions while maintaining fidelity to the law. When a judge confronts a hard case, he considers interpretations that fit the existing evidence and selects the one best justified, even if it is shaped by personal presuppositions.

A middle position distinguishes between judges holding comprehensive views and judges reasoning from personal views in their official capacity. On this account, judges may privately hold religious convictions but must publicly justify decisions using reasons accessible to citizens. Legitimacy thus emerges not only from neutrality but also from demonstrated craft in interpretation.

Judges derive authority from their respected skill within this tradition.

Accordingly, the process of judging, even by a deeply religious judge, does not collapse into relativism. Some interpretations are more faithful than others, even if none can claim complete objectivity. The judge’s task is to reach a balanced understanding that integrates his perspective with the meaning carried by the legal tradition.

Do irreligious worldviews occupy a symmetrically neutral position? The assumption that anyone reasons from a wholly neutral standpoint is untenable. The irreligious judge is no more neutral than the religious judge. Both reason from within traditions that shape their rationality.

How then should the dispensation address a misaligned judge? Indian secularism has been guided by ‘*sarva dharma sambhava*’, grounded in a spirit of toleration among adherents of different religions. Rather than creating a strict divide such as France’s *laïcité*, India has adopted a framework of principled distance between religion and State. This framework proceeds from the recognition that plural convictions cannot be eliminated without impoverishing public reason. Whatever course is adopted, one must remain mindful that judicial independence cannot exist without liberty of thought.

(Views are personal)

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Lawful banking

Ref: *Bold steps to curb strong-arm loan recovery* (Feb 18). The proposed norms are timely, as coercive recovery practices have caused genuine distress. Clear accountability for banks and agents is essential. Fast-tracked grievance redress, strict penalties for harassment and transparent product disclosures must follow. Effective monitoring, not mere guidelines, will ensure borrowers are treated fairly and lawfully.

A Myilsami, Coimbatore

Phone addiction

Ref: *The battle for young minds* (Feb 18). The Ghaziabad suicide case is the tip of an unsettling iceberg that is eating into the today’s youth. Though a blanket ban can douse the tendency of gadget usage to a great extent, peer pressure and the need for high-end gadgets for education and other reasons will surely follow.

George Jacob, Kochi

Regulatory blackholes

Ref: *Orbiting assets, falling logic* (Feb 18). The column raises valid questions about regulatory grey areas. Greater transparency in accounting and clearer international norms are essential. States must enforce licensing rules firmly, while companies should disclose costs and risks honestly to protect investors and consumers alike.

M Barathi, Bengaluru

Bangladesh reforms

Ref: *First rumbling* (Feb 18). The early standoff over the Referendum oath is worrying. Bangladesh needs stability after prolonged uncertainty. All parties should prioritise dialogue, respect parliamentary norms and seek consensus on constitutional reforms so governance does not suffer in the midst of political rivalry.

K Sakunthala, email

TN’s claims

Ref: *Numbers do not lie* (Feb 18). While the Tamil Nadu government dons the dubious status of an industrially-advanced state and doles out crores in the name of socioeconomic welfare, key watershed projects such as desilting of Mettur and Vaigai dams and linking of Vaigai river with Gundar and Thamirabarani are indefinitely hanging citing delays due to poor financial status. With such claims, the ‘model state’ should have been successful in achieving negligible, if not nil, poverty levels. It’s evident that the state is indulging in appeasing the electorates and silencing developmental voices.

R V Baskaran, Pune

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Omar Abdullah @OmarAbdullah

So this is what Galgotias teaches its students by example - copy someone else's work & claim it as your own. When you get caught you don't own up & apologise

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra

Deleting tweets doesn't change reality @AshwiniVaishnaw - you have made India a laughing stock. Quit the chair if you can't do your job.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya

Mamata Banerjee's government delivered a birth certificate to Hafizur Rahaman Haldar even before he was born. This is the infamous "Diamond Harbour Model."

TECH Talk

SWEDEN SAYS INDIA 'LONG TERM STRATEGIC PARTNER'

Sweden's Deputy Prime Minister Ebba Busch on Wednesday described India as a long-term strategic partner, underscoring growing collaboration in artificial intelligence, innovation and advanced technologies as she attended the India-AI Impact Summit 2026 in the national capital. "India is definitely a partner that we'd like to work with long term for the next generation," Busch said, highlighting Sweden's commitment to deepening bilateral ties. Busch, who also serves as Sweden's Minister for Energy, Business and Industry, is leading a Swedish business delegation to the summit and holding bilateral meetings with Indian ministers. Her visit comes weeks after the conclusion of the long-negotiated India–European Union Free Trade Agreement,

GOVT EXTENDS INDIA AI IMPACT EXPO BY 1 DAY

To accommodate public interest in the India AI Impact Summit 2026, the government has extended the AI Impact Expo by an additional day. The exhibition will now continue until Saturday, February 21, giving students, startups, and tech enthusiasts extra time to explore the event. The AI Impact Expo at Bharat Mandapam will remain closed to the public on Thursday due to security arrangements for VIP movements and the Leaders' Plenary at India AI Impact Summit 2026. S Krishnan, Secretary at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), announced the revised schedule on Wednesday. He confirmed that access to the venue on Thursday will be restricted to invited dignitaries, official delegates, and accredited media.

CULTURE MINISTRY TO LAUNCH AI SEARCH ENGINE

The ministry of culture has planned to roll out an AI-driven search engine that will integrate content from its main website and 30 affiliated platforms into a single; intelligent digital gateway. The proposed system aims to centralise access to the ministry's vast cultural resources, enabling users to retrieve information quickly and efficiently through a unified interface. According to the officials, the AI-powered tool will enhance the ministry's digital presence by delivering faster and more accurate search results. Designed to serve citizens, researchers, and institutions, the platform is expected to streamline access to cultural data and improve overall user experience. To develop the platform, the ministry will onboard a technology partner.

Talks centred on the early implementation of the India-EU FTA and deeper cooperation in emerging technologies

PM meets EU leaders to ramp up AI ties

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

A day after meeting French President Emmanuel Macron, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a series of bilateral talks with European leaders on Wednesday on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit. The discussions centred on the early implementation of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and deeper cooperation in artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.

Modi met Spanish President Pedro Sanchez, Finland Prime Minister Petteri Orpo, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and Estonia President Alar Karis, among others, as Europe mounted its largest-ever delegation to a technology-focused event in India. Leaders from France, the Netherlands, Spain, Croatia, Greece, Switzerland and Liechtenstein attended at the head-of-state or government level, alongside ministers and senior officials from across the continent.

In his meeting with Sanchez, Modi underscored the growing depth of India-Spain ties across defence, security and technology. "Our nations are marking 2026 as the India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism and AI. This will deepen people-to-people linkages. Glad to see a big delegation of universities also came to India. This, too, will go a long way in connecting our people," Modi wrote on X.

PM Narendra Modi during a meeting with Estonia President Alar Karis | PTI

Modi discussed expanding cooperation in defence, manufacturing, digital public infrastructure, fertilisers and infrastructure with Vucic. "For many years, India and Serbia have worked closely, and I am confident our ties will gain even more momentum in the times to come," he said.

European leaders conveyed strong backing for the early implementation and ratification of the India-EU FTA, describing it as a transformative step for trade, investment and job creation on both sides. Sources said that there was "unanimous support" among EU members for expediting the agreement through the European Council and European Parliament.

Europe remains at the forefront of AI governance and advanced semiconductor capabilities.

SHEKHAR YADAV

NOT UN'S ROLE TO REGULATE AI

It is not the UN's role to regulate AI, Secretary General Antonio Guterres has emphasised as he pointed to an annual global dialogue being planned at the international organisation on AI with participation from all countries, governments, private sector as well as civil society.

MACRON IN CAPITAL

Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat, CM Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy CM Eknath Shinde accomapanied French President Emmanel Macron at the Mumbai Airport as he left for New Delhi.

'Historic pact': US welcomes India into American AI exports programme

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

A top US official on Wednesday said Washington welcomes India's participation in the American AI Exports Programme, hailing the new bilateral trade agreement as a "historic" pact that will anchor high-technology cooperation between the two countries for decades. "It is a privilege to visit the heart of tech innovation in Bangalore at such a critical juncture for the US--India relationship," William Kimmitt, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade said.

"The new, historic trade agreement between the US and India will cement our bilateral relationship for decades to come and promote the adoption of cutting-edge US technologies in the Indian market. The United States welcomes India's participation in the American AI Exports Program, and we look forward to working with trusted partners to power a new age of prosperity and security with American AI leadership."

Kimmitt who also visited Bangalore before arriving in New Delhi met US and Indian technology firms and innovators to assess how companies are investing in and deploying artificial intelligence across sectors.

The delegation also includes Deputy Under Secretary Brandon Remington, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia Pamela Phan, and Chief of Staff Trevor Kellogg.

No privileges or ethics committee in LS for 2 yrs

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

NEARLY two years into the tenure of the Lok Sabha, two of its key oversight bodies, the Privileges Committee and the Ethics Committee, are yet to be constituted, even as the government is weighing the option of referring Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's case to one of them.

The issue came to the fore after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju responded to a "substantive motion" moved by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey against Gandhi over his speech during the Budget session. Rijiju said that once the motion is admitted by the Speaker, a decision would be taken in consultation with the chair on whether the matter should be referred to the Privileges Committee, the Ethics Committee, or be discussed directly in the House during the second leg of the Budget session beginning March 9.

His remarks amid intensifying confrontation between the government and the Opposition have drawn attention to an unusual institutional vacuum that neither of the two committees has been set up in the 18th Lok Sabha so far.

The absence of these panels has raised procedural and political questions, say experts. The Committee of Privileges in the Lok Sabha is a standing committee, comprising 15 members nominated by the Speaker, which examines cases involving breach of privilege or contempt of the House and its members. Constitutional experts say that it functions in a semi-judicial capacity, probing contempt of the House and recommending action such as reprimand or suspension of the members.

Speaking to this newspaper, former Lok Sabha Secretary General and constitutional expert P D T Achary described the delay as "unusual". He said, "As soon as a new government comes in, committees are constituted. In fact, permanent committees, like the Privileges Committee, are normally set up first, followed by department related standing committees. Without their constitution, any move to refer matters to them could face practical hurdles," he said.

Under parliamentary practice, the Privileges Committee plays a critical role because parliamentary privileges flow from constitutional provisions. "There has to be a mechanism to examine the alleged breaches. That is why the committee exists as a permanent body of the House," Achary added.

Opposition leaders argue that invoking the possibility of recommending committees that have not been formed shows the deepening rift in the House. A senior Opposition MP told this newspaper that the non-constitution of the Privileges Committee shows the government's priorities. He pointed out that with Rijiju indicating that Gandhi's case could be examined through one of these panels, the Speaker may first need to constitute the relevant committee if a referral is decided upon.

Meanwhile, the Ethics Committee, which examines issues related to members' conduct and adherence to ethical standards, also remains in limbo. A senior Congress leader pointed out that the government was keener on constituting other important panels, such as the Petitions Committee, Committee on Subordinate Legislation, and Committee on Official Language. The Congress leader said that the government had offered the chairmanship of the Ethics Committee to the party, but it declined, as it demanded chairmanship of significant committees, such as the Official Language panel. The demand was not accepted, he added.

'PERMANENT COMMITTEES USUALLY SET UP FIRST'

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Justice remains elusive for persons with disabilities

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

DESPITE constitutional mandate and statutory obligation under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, millions of persons with disabilities (PwD) continue to remain excluded from the justice system, said a first-of-its-kind nationwide study released on Wednesday.

The study, conducted in 30 states and UTs, said the promise of equal access exists in law; however, its realisation in institutions remains incomplete.

Conducted by the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) in collaboration with various NGOs working in the disability sector, the study reveals that in India, many public spaces lack basic infrastructure like ramps and accessible washrooms. Conducted among 355 PwD, the survey, Status of Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), said the other reasons are also due to a lack of training among staff to handle these cases, limited sensitisation, and the absence of accessible documentation.

The survey found that 56.5% faced infrastructure barriers, such as the lack of ramps and wheelchair access, when visiting a police station.

For PwDs, another challenge is visiting the courts. The key infrastructural barriers included non-availability of ramps (48.8%), inaccessible toilets (46.3%), and absence of sign language interpreters (34.7%).

Only 34.6% reported receiving documents in accessible formats. PwDs constitute only 0.5% of legal aid beneficiaries nationwide, the study said.

Govt plans phased withdrawal of CAPFs from Maoist-infested areas from April

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AFTER successes to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah's March 31 deadline to eliminate Maoists, the government is working on a calibrated plan of phased withdrawal of central security forces from the left-wing –extremism-hit areas, officials said.

The plan envisages a gradual redeployment of select forces, with the CRPF set to anchor a redefined security grid during the transition as ITBP and BSF forces are likely to withdraw in phases starting April last, subject to ground assessments.

The officials clarified that the drawdown of forces will begin with priority districts. A detailed, area-specific roadmap is being finalised to prevent security gaps and ensure that gains made against Maoist groups are not reversed.

"The idea is stability first, withdrawal later," a senior MHA official said, underlining that troop reductions would be incremental. Security presence will continue in sensitive pockets even as overall force levels are rationalised.

The move follows significant successes by security forces in dismantling Naxal networks and neutralising key operatives. According to government data, the LWE footprint has shrunk dramatically. The number of affected districts has fallen from 126 in 2018 to eight by December 2025, with only three categorised as "most affected".

Incidents of violence have also declined by 88% since their peak in 2010, while civilian and security personnel fatalities have dropped by 90%. In 2025 so far, 317 Naxals have been neutralised, 862 arrested and 1,973 surrendered.

The officials said the security recalibration coincides with a broader shift toward a development-centric strategy in the remaining affected areas. Teams are expected to begin field visits to remote villages to conduct surveys, identify infrastructure deficits and prepare a structured development plan for the next financial year.

The long-term objective, they indicated, is to transition from a predominantly combat-driven approach to a model that integrates security stabilisation with rehabilitation and economic development.

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SC final hearing on Places of Worship Act pleas

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday decided to list for final hearing a batch of pleas challenging the validity of certain provisions of a 1991 law which prohibit filing of a lawsuit to reclaim a place of worship or seek a change in its character from what prevailed on August 15, 1947.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi was urged by senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for PIL petitioner Ashwini Upadhyay, that the final hearing be accorded as the questions were framed way back on October 12, 2022. The senior lawyer said the Centre, which was asked to file its response to the plea by October 31, 2022, is yet to submit its response.

"We will fix a date for the final hearing," the CJI said, adding that there are two nine-judge bench matters already fixed in March and April. "Let us see. We will finalise the hearing dates after the 9- judges bench case," the Chief Justice said.

The top court, meanwhile, refused to consider a submission that a civil court at Rajasthan be restrained from passing effective orders in Ajmer dargah case. "If they pass such orders we will see what's to be done. We have passed an order and that is binding on all and one," the CJI said.

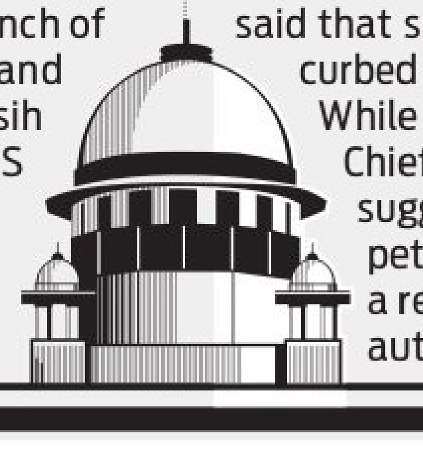
On December 12, 2024, the top court restrained till further directions the courts from entertaining fresh lawsuits and passing any effective interim or final orders in pending ones seeking to reclaim religious places, especially mosques and dargahs.

On October 12, 2022, the top court asked the Centre to furnish by October 31 its affidavit in response to petitions challenging the validity of certain provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

No pre-arrest bail for CA in PMLA case

The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to grant anticipatory bail to a CA in a money laundering probe linked to a ₹640 crore cyber fraud case. A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and Augustine George Masih upheld the Delhi HC'S order which denied pre-arrest bail and directed him to surrender in 10 days.



'Murder of Tripura youth unfortunate'

The Chief Justice bench on Wednesday termed the murder of Tripura youth Anjel Chakma in Dehradun as an "unfortunate incident" and said that such incidents be curbed with "iron hand". While hearing a petition, Chief Justice Surya Kant suggested that the petitioner should give a representation to the authorities.

Forced removal of bodies of tribal Christians stayed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday issued a notice and sought Chhattisgarh government's response after hearing a petition that alleged exhumation and forced reburial of bodies of tribal Christians in villages. The top court also restrained further exhumation.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria passed the order while hearing a writ petition filed under Article 32 by the Chhattisgarh Association for Justice and Equality and others. The petition contended that the denial of burial in village graveyards violates the right to life and dignity and the freedom of religion.

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, appearing for the petitioners, told the court that a body was reburied location without the family's knowledge.

TRAGIC END

Two children were killed and three others were injured when a pickup vehicle ran over people dancing at a wedding procession in Rajasthan's Tonk district on Wednesday evening, police said.

2 KILLED

IN GUJARAT CRASH; 677 LIQUOR BOTTLES FOUND IN CAR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	18	Mumbai	28	22
Bhopal	28	17	Panaji	30	22
Jaipur	24	13	Patna	28	16
Amritsar	25	12	Lucknow	28	15
Chennai	28	23	Port Blair	28	27
Kolkata	31	18	Imphal	27	13
Srinagar	12	01	Chandigarh	24	13

Elections officials issuing orders on WA in violation of SC order: TMC

Mismatch in voter list, spl observers tell poll panel

SUBHENDU MAITI @Kolkata

VOTER'S name is Sheikh Rajesh Ali. His father's name Bhubanchandra Bera. This was found in East Midnapore district during super checking of documents related to the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal.

The special roll observer (SRO) concerned has sent the matter to the EC headquarters in Delhi on Wednesday seeking its intervention. The matter came to the notice of the poll official in charge of the Paschim Panskura assembly constituency in the district when he spotted the discrepancy.

Sources said the SRO has raised questions as to how was the enumeration form with such a gross mistake uploaded in EC's the software system. During the checking, it was found that Ali's mother has been mentioned as Pushparani Bera and wife as Sumitrarani Bera. But there are no substantiating documents in this connection in Ali's form.

Certificate issued three months before birth

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The EC had summoned around 1.5 crore voters, including 1.20 crore belonging to the logical discrepancy category, for SIR hearings while the rest are 'unmapped' people.

Meanwhile, hitting out at the Election Commission, TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee on Wednesday alleged that poll officials were continuing to flout Supreme Court directives by issuing directions to their subordinates through WhatsApp during the SIR exercise.

Sharing purported screenshots of a WhatsApp group chat on X, Banerjee said SC has repeatedly emphasised transparency, due process, and adherence to official channels of communication. "Yet we are witnessing instructions being circulated over WhatsApp rather than through formal, traceable, and accountable mechanisms," he said.

He also questioned instructions sent by special roll observer (SRO) C Murugan directly to micro observers. "Even more disturbing are credible reports of SRO C Murugan issuing instructions regarding the acceptability of birth certificates directly to micro observers in a WhatsApp group, to inflate deletion numbers?" he asked.

Rubbishing Banerjee's allegations, Murugan told reporters, "No directive was given to anybody through WhatsApp messages. Only clarifications were given on the some directives of the EC."

Katra shutdown over ropeway to Vaishno Devi

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

KATRA town, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Vaishno Devi, observed a shutdown on Wednesday against the ropeway project to the shrine, while Lt Governor Manoj Sinha laid the foundation for Shankaracharya temple in the town. All shops and business establishments in Katra remained closed on the call of Vaishno Devi Sangarsh Samiti.

The proposed ₹250-crore ropeway project to be constructed by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board would connect Tarakote Marg to Sanji Chhat, which leads to the cave shrine in Reasi district.

Samiti spokesperson Karan Singh Thothu said, "The strike should serve as an eye opener for the shrine board, which wants to go ahead with the ropeway project despite opposition by the local population."

He said the ropeway would snatch the livelihood of about 28,000 pony walas, palanquin owners and labourers. Besides, 7,000 shops and 800 hotels and guest houses in Katra could suffer heavy losses, leaving thousands jobless.

Meanwhile, Sinha laid the foundation for Shankaracharya Temple. Perched on hillocks, this project realises a vision envisioned in the 1960s.

2 more major shrines in U'khand seek to restrict entry of non-Hindus

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

AHEAD of the Char Dham Yatra, a move to restrict the entry of non-Hindus into the state's shrines is gaining momentum. Following the installation of 'no entry for non-Hindus' signages at Har-ki-Pauri in Haridwar, the Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC) is now preparing a proposal to implement similar restrictions at the shrines.

BKTC chairman Hemant Dwivedi, who holds the rank of a minister of state, said the move is essential to maintain the religious integrity of the sites. "This should not even be a matter of debate. These are Hindu pilgrimage sites, not tourist destinations. Only Hindus should visit the sites," Dwivedi said. He confirmed that a proposal has been drafted with broad consensus. "We will soon hold a board meeting to officially ratify the decision," he added.

The push for the ban is rooted in the Haridwar Municipal Act of 1916. The Pushkar Singh Dhami government is currently studying the legalities of century-old bylaws. The CM has indicated that the government will follow the counsel of the saints and temple committees.

'Many enter sacred zones as traders, not devotees'

Gautam alleged that non-Hindus often enter these sacred zones under the guise of trade —running tea stalls, salons, or fruit shops—rather than as devotees. He suggested that the ban should cover the entire Kumbh area, a stretch of nearly 80 kilometres from Rudraprayag to Haridwar.

Nitin Gautam, president of Shri Ganga Sabha which manages Har-ki-Pauri, emphasised that this is not a new demand but the enforcement of an existing law. "We want total ban on non-Hindus at Hindu pilgrimage sites under the existing legal framework. It has started at Har-ki-Pauri, and it will soon extend to all 47 major pilgrimage sites in the state," Gautam said.

The demand for the ban is also being linked to concerns over demographic shifts and local security. Gautam alleged that non-Hindus often enter these sacred zones under the guise of trade, rather than as devotees.

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Punjab singer Aulakh at BJP NRI meet

Punjabi singer Mankirat Aulakh was spotted at the recent NRI samellan titled 'Punjabi Diaspora Meet' organised by the Punjab unit of the BJP in Chandigarh. The singer had supported the farmers during last year's floods. Aulakh, who hails from Haryana, attended the event as he was invited by an NRI friend. His photos with party leadership went viral on social media. Speaking at the event, working president of Punjab BJP Ashwani Sharma noted that the purpose of the meet was to listen to the concerns and suggestions of NRIs regarding Punjab's development. Sharma sought diaspora contribution in rebuilding the state's prosperity.

AAP focusing on state's Doaba region: Mann

With just a year left for the Assembly elections, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has held a second public meeting, 'Lok Milni,' in a month at Jalandhar at his office. The move has led to speculation in the political circles that the ruling party may be concentrating more on Doaba, as in the recent past he has never held two 'Lok Milnis' in one month. During the outreach program, he listened to the grievances of the public in the presence of senior civil and police officers and tried to resolve them on the spot. He also met the local leaders from all the nine assembly segments of the Jalandhar Lok Sabha constituency.

Dinner diplomacy by LoP Bajwa

Congress leader and LoP Partap Singh Bajwa organized a dinner at his Chandigarh residence on Monday to bring the warring factions of the party together and thus reach a "tactical understanding." While All-India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary in charge for Punjab Bhupesh Baghel, Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, former CM Charanjit Singh Channi, Gurdaspur MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, former Speaker Rana KP Singh, MLAs and former legislators Sukhbinder Sarkaria, Bharat Bhushan Ashu, and Sukhpal Khaira attended the dinner.

RAJ

8 judges under scanner as part of 'admin action'

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

IN an extraordinary administrative action, the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court has placed eight judicial officers under APO (Awaiting Posting Orders) following a surprise inspection of court premises. Legal circles have described the move as a rare step in the court's history.

The development comes in the backdrop of a bomb threat received by the High Court administration on Tuesday. According to officials, an email threatening a bomb at the premises prompted immediate security measures. The entire complex was evacuated as a precautionary step.

Due to the security sweep, morning court proceedings were badly disrupted.

Registrar General Chanchal Mishra stated that Acting Chief Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma reached the HC's Heritage Building complex early in the morning amid heightened security. During his visit, he conducted a detailed inspection of the High Court complex as well as subordinate courts.

Sources said that during the inspection, several judicial officers were found absent from their designated courtrooms during official court hours.

RSS: Edu, health must be easily accessible to all as fundamental necessities

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

ASSERTING that the world respects truth only when it is backed by strength, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday said India must become strong enough in all sectors to emerge as 'Vishwa Guru'.

Addressing research scholars at the University of Lucknow, the RSS chief said education and healthcare were fundamental necessities and should not be treated as commercial activities. "Both quality education and quality healthcare are so costly that a common man can't afford them. This should change. Advancements have taken place for good but the basic necessities should be available to everyone across the country," said Bhagwat.

Accusing the Western powers of having disrupted India's traditional education system during colonial rule and imposing their own model to create a class of English-educated workers, Bhagwat said the distortions need to be corrected.

'India'a cultural values a solution to challenges'

Lauding India's philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', the RSS chief said that India's cultural values and knowledge traditions offered solutions to many global challenges.

Deliberating over the goal of the Sangh, Bhagwat said it was to make India prosperous. He urged the people to think beyond 'I and My' philosophy, transcend the personal and family interests in order to work for the welfare of the nation. He added that the Sangh was committed to uniting society and improving its quality, and that it was not driven by the pursuit of popularity or power.

Underscoring the significance of research, the RSS chief said scholars had a crucial role in shaping country's direction. "They must present truthful and authentic findings and carry out their work selflessly in the national interest to bring forward the facts with integrity," Bhagwat said.

Speaking on globalisation and associated consumerism, Bhagwat described consumerism as harmful notion.

After 17 yrs in India jail, Pak spy 'Devraj Sehgal' deported

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

AFTER serving 17 years in jail following conviction under Official Secret Act, Pakistani national Iqbal Bhatti, who had been living in India with forged documents and fake name 'Devraj Sehgal' for two decades, was deported on Tuesday.

Bhatti was first arrested on August 8, 2008, by the Punjab Police in Patiala.

According to investigators, he was found in possession of sensitive maps linked to Indian Army installations — material considered highly confidential and critical to national security. During interrogation, Bhatti revealed that he had been living in Hakikat Nagar in Saharanpur under the assumed Hindu name Devaraj Sehgal. Investigators said he had managed to procure forged Indian identity documents, including a voter ID card, PAN card and ration card. Using these fake credentials, he opened an account at the State Bank of India (SBI), further strengthening his cover.

However, during routine document verification, the bank officials noticed discrepancies in the paperwork submitted for opening the account for the first time. Bhatti was booked under Section 3 of the Official Secrets Act — a stringent provision dealing with espionage — and Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, along with other serious charges.

Sensitive maps, forged identity documents found

According to investigators, Bhatti was found in possession of sensitive maps linked to Indian Army installations—material considered highly confidential and critical to national security. During interrogation, Bhatti said he had been living in Hakikat Nagar in Saharanpur under the Hindu name Devaraj Sehgal. Investigators said he had managed to procure forged Indian identity documents.

While the Saharanpur police lodged four cases against him at Sadar Bazaar police station, Punjab Police pursued parallel proceedings in their jurisdiction. Following trial, the Saharanpur local court convicted Bhatti and sentenced him to imprisonment. Due to security concerns, authorities decided not to lodge him in Saharanpur jail, which is located close to an Army camp.

Bhatti was shifted to Gautam Buddh Nagar District Jail, where he ultimately spent nearly 17 years behind bars. He completed his sentence in early 2025 and official release order was issued on March 22, 2025. However, his freedom did not come through immediately.

Being a Pakistani national without valid travel documents, he was transferred to a detention centre in Saharanpur pending deportation.

The Ministry of External Affairs reportedly sought details of cases registered in Punjab before issuing its clearance. Once all documentation was verified and coordination with the Pakistani High Commission was completed, authorities fixed the date for deportation. On Monday morning, Bhatti was taken to the district hospital for a mandatory medical examination.

As per police sources, Bhatti was escorted under tight security to the Attari border and he was formally handed over to Pakistani Rangers after completion of cross-border paperwork on Tuesday around noon.

Milk tetra packs for 80L students up to Class VIII

₹1.06 L cr allocated for capital outlay of infra development

₹1.15 L cr funds help declared for agriculture and farmers welfare

₹1.27 L cr allocated for various women welfare schemes

MADHYA PRADESH

PUSHING INFRA & SOCIAL SCHEMES

₹6,600 CR for Yashoda Milk Supply Scheme. MP to provide over 80 lakh students up to Class VIII milk in tetra packs

₹5,000 CR for DWARAKA Scheme that will see urban infra upgrade through capital investment in the next three years

SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS
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TO BE DEVELOPED AS A GLOBAL TOURISM DESTINATION

GWALIOR
GETS FUNDS FOR MANUFACTURING ZONE FOR TELECOM

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

MADHYA Pradesh's deputy chief minister and finance minister Jagdish Devda presented the largest ever budget of more than ₹4.38 lakh crore in the Vidhan Sabha on Wednesday amid interruptions by the opposition Congress MLAs, who raised concerns about the burden of "mounting debt" on people of the state.

While proposing no new taxes, Devda proposed to spend heavily on women and farmers' welfare and agriculture. The 58-page budget speech mentioned a slew of new schemes. Among them, the Yashoda Milk Supply Scheme received ₹6,600 crore, under which the government will provide over 80 lakh students up to Class VIII milk in tetra packets for additional nutrition.

The budget also announced the DWARAKA Scheme, which will see an investment of Rs 5,000 crore over the next three years for urban infrastructure development through the targeted use of financial instruments, such as InvIT (Infrastructure Investment Trust), REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust) and Value Capture Fund (VCF). The state government also proposed listing of social impact bonds at the National Stock Exchange to encourage investment in the social sector by service providers.

Eyeing to tap the tourism potential of the Bundelkhand region, the budget mentioned developing tourist destinations of the region on a global level. While Khajuraho is being developed as a global tourism destination under the 50 Globally Competitive Tourism Destinations Scheme, the adjoining Orchha is also being developed as the second of the twin tourist destination.

The budget proposed that under the rural land ownership rights scheme, the state government will bear the entire cost of stamp duty and registration fees through a provision of ₹3,800 crore.

₹4L cr Budget unveiled as Gujarat bats for tourism, AI and Olympic ambition

SPENDING ON
OLYMPICS, TOURISM, TRANSPORT

₹1,278 CR
allocated for global sports complexes, transport integration in the state

Ahmedabad to be developed as Olympic Ready City

₹5,096 CR
allocated for tourism, pilgrimage, civil aviation, sports

₹236 CR
for upgrading Statue of Unity tourism ecosystem

₹1,286 CR
allocated to boost inclusive, green transport

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmeddabad

GUJARAT Finance Minister Kanu Desai unveiled a record ₹4,08,053 crore Budget for 2026-27 in the state on Wendesday. He declared 2026 as the Gujarat Tourism Year and pushed for AI-driven policing, Olympic-ready sports infrastructure, mass bus expansion network and major investments in tourism hubs.

The finance minister chalked a roadmap on social security, human resource development, infrastructure, economic expansion and green growth. He proposed an integrated approach for travel and tourism, for which he allocated ₹5,096 crore for strengthening core tourism activities, pilgrimage infrastructure, civil aviation and sports. The government proposed ₹447 crore for a world-class bus port at Somnath.

Desai also proposed development of architectural sites like Lothal and Dholavira, which are linked to the Indus Valley civilisation. He proposed the funds not just to push tourism activities but for the promotion of heritage conservation as well. Another ₹236 crore were earmarked to upgrade facilities around the Statue of Unity, where rising tourist count has already accelerated growth in transport, hospitality and handicrafts.

The budget proposed establishing a Data Fusion Centre and Centre of Excellence for AI in Policing for the Gujarat Police, backed by ₹60 crore outlay. This centre will aim to aggregate, process and analyse critical policing data in real time. The government unveiled a 5-year plan to construct 20,444 modern residential houses for police personnel.

MAHAVITARAN
Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for Procurement of 22 KV 1000 Amp Auto Recloser through e-tendering process with an Estimated Cost of Rs. 928.97 Lakhs against MSEDCL advertised Tender on website vide No. MMD/T-HTM2-04/0226 due for submission on dtd. 04.03.2026

For details please visit website: https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/

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HDFC BANK LTD, Ground Floor, Rashtrothana Bhavan,
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Bangalore - 560001

ANNEXURE—VI **(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Possession Notice

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

1. **M/S JKM Infrastructures** ,Represented By Its Partners, No 3064, 3rd Road, 1st Cross, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560021
2. **Mr. Bangalore Keshavaiah Nandakishore,** S/o A V Keshavaiah ,No 13, 2nd Cross, Maruthi Extension, Srirampuram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560021
3. **Mr. Jayakumar R,** S/o B Raju Naidu,No 3064, 10th C Cross, Gayathrinagar, Srirampuram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560021.
4. **Mr. R Mohanraj,** S/o B Raju Naidu, No 3064, 1st Cross, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560021.
5. **Mr. Shiva Murthy,**S/o Govindaswamy Manikyam Madrai, No. 3064, 3rd Road, 1st Cross, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560021.
   Also At: 6.Mr. Shiva Murthy, 1655, 12 Th Cross, Mariyappanapalya, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560021.
7. **Mr. Anand S Shivamurthy,** S/o Shivamurthy, 1655, 12 Th Cross, Mariyappanapalya, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560021

Whereas, Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 29-07-2025 calling upon the borrowers – 1**) M/S JKM Infrastructures 2) Mr. Bangalore Keshavaiah Nandakishore** and **3) Mr. Jayakumar R 4) Mr. R Mohanraj 5) Mr. Shiva Murthy 6) Mr. Anand S Shivamurthy** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 34,19,107/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred and Seven Only/-)** along with interest, penal interest, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **13th Day of Feb, 2026.**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the HDFC Bank Ltd, for an amount of **Rs. 34,19,107/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred and Seven Only/-)** along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc., from 29-07-2025.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Secured Assets

All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site No. 1655/23, 12th Cross, Mariyappana Palya, Srirampuram (earlier in 2nd Stage Rajajinagar Extension), Bangalore - 560 021.

Measuring: East to West - Bit I - 30 3/4 + 32 3/4 /2 feet and Bit II - 22 3/4 feet, North to South - Bit I - 60 ', Bit II- 4+4 1/2 / 2 in all measuring 139.33 Sq.Yards and bounded on the: East By: Site No. 1657 , West By: Site No. 1654, North By: Road, South By: Site No. 1656 and Road

Date: 13.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
For HDFC BANK Ltd.,

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

SBI State Bank Of India

STATE BANK OF INDIA RASMECC (10324)
No.07, JaiKrishna Plaza, Ist Floor, Iyyanar Koil Main Street,
Ellaipillaichavady, Puducherry-605005
E-mail: sbi.10324@sbi.co.in, Ph No: 0413-2233810

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE-8(1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, RASMECC** Branch, Pondicherry under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice for dated **04.12.2025** calling upon the borrowers 1**Shri.Chandra Varma @Ramachandran s/o P.C.Velayutham, 2.** Co-Borrowers: **Shri.R.Gopinath S/o Chandra Varma @Ramachandran Guarantor: 3.Smt.C.Kamala Devi W/o Shri. Chandra Varma @Ramachanran** (Current Address) No.5, Sankarankulam, M.G. Road, Puducherry -605 001. D-439, Jal Vayu Vihar, Kammanshalli Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore -560 043 to repay the loan amount mentioned in the notice being a sum of **Rs. 2,45,860/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred And Sixty Only)** as on **04.12.2025** [Housing Term Loan A/c No: 10831639968] with further interest at the contractual rate, other costs and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the PROPERTY as described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day: **13.02.2026.**

The Borrower/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of STATE BANK OF INDIA, for an amount of [Housing Term Loan] **Rs. 2,52,251/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty One Only)** as on **13.02.2026** plus interest and incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc., thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Puducherry Registration Distric, Puducherry Sub –Registration District, within the limit of Puducherry municipality & commune village No.40, Puducherry Revenue village, Sankarakulam Street, Ward No. C, Block No.13, Town Survey No.139, Re-Survey No.239pt, Patta No.2302, Measuring to an total extent of 1438 sq.ft in a vacant plot extending East West 35 ½ feet & South North 40 ½ feet.

Boundaries: East :Tasthildar Selvaraj House, West : Thirumudi Nataraj chettiar House, North : Sankarankulam street, south : Plot of a partner **Shri.Chandra Varma @Ramachandran S/o Shri.P.C.Velayutham** is the owner of the property. Together with land, Buildings and all other appurtenances.

Place : Pondicherry **Authorised Officer**
Date: 18.02.2026 **STATE BANK OF INDIA**

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
T.2366, T.2367	CE / Transmission	Establishment of Keezhakuppam & Gangaikondan SS
168 to 177	CE / TP-I	Civil & line works @ 110 KV SS
E-52 / 25-26	CE / TP-II	Electrical works for Poyyur 110 KV SS

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/1217/Tender/2026

Govt of Karnataka

O/o Executive Engineer, PWD, Udupi Division

Udupi - 576101. C.No : (0820) 2531802

No.PWD:UDN:NIT-49:2025-26:AE-2 **Dated: 13.02.2026**

Tender Notification

It is here by notified for the information of intending Registered Empanelled Consultant for Survey under KPWD, through e-portal **"kppp.karnataka.gov.in"** as per Karnataka tranperency in public procurement act - 2023, as per specified terms & condition notified there in. The Last date for submission of tender on **04.03.2026** through E-procurement portal **"kppp.karnataka.gov.in"** for 2 Works under **3054 - SH & MDR Maintainance** head, work costing **Rs. 24.50 to 65.87 (excluding GST).** For more information contact office during office hours.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
Public works department
Udupi Division, Udupi.

DIPR/ADU/KSMCA/728/25-26 Dt: 18.02.2026

Water Resource Department (Minor Irrigation)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Admin Block, NH-75 Road, Near Café Coffee Day, Narsapura-563133, Kolar taluk & District. E-Mail: eemidklr@rediffmail.com, eemigwddkolar@gmail.com, Landline No: 08152-200049

No:EE/MI/Kol/TA/AE/Tender Notification/2680/2025-26/ Dtd:13.02.2026

Short term tender notification no: 29/2025-26 / Dtd:13.02.2026

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kolar has invited tenders for eligible bidders through KPP-Portal for the work in two cover system for the 02 number of work. The tender procedure as per Rule of KTPP Act and standard tender document KW-4 shall be followed for Maximum & Minimum amount of Rs. 300.00 Lakhs. Scheduled EMD amount to be submitted through KPP-Portal and tender processing fees as per KPP-Portal procedure. Downloading tender documents through KPP-Portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** starts from **Dt: 13.02.2026 04:30 PM.** Last date of uploading tender documents upto **Dt: 23.02.2026 04:30 PM. Pre bid meeting Date: 18.02.2026 @11:30 AM at Office of the Executive Engineer MI & GWD division, Kolar. Opening of technical bid Dt: 24.02.2026 @ 04:30 PM.** The Executive Engineer reserves the right to make any changes in above details in future if needed. For more details can be obtained from the office of the under signed on all working days during office hours and also through **website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water, Development Division, Kolar.

DIPR/KOLAR/RO:500/KSMCA/2025-26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Koramangala Layout Branch

P B No.3421, No.348, 100 Ft Road, 4th Block,
St.John Medical College Post, Koramangala Layout,
Ph: 9483520885, E-mail: cb0885@canarabank.com

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **constructive/physical** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **, Canara Bank, Koramangala Layout Branch (0885),** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **22.03.2026, 10.30 AM to 11.30 PM** for recovery of below mentioned amount.

E-AUCTION DATE :22.03.2026

Borrower and Mortgagor: (1) Mr. Bhaskar Bhogadi Alias Mr. Bhogadhi Bhaskar (Borrower), 3-179, S1-B179, Sachivalaya Nagar, Vanasthalipuram, Hayath Nagar, K V Rangareddy Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar, Telangana-500070 **(2) Mrs. R Jyostna Alias Rachuri Jyostna (Guarantor/ GPA Holder)** 6-3-179, Sachivalaya Nagar, Vanasthalipuram, Dist K V Rangareddy, Hayathnagar Telangana 500070

Total liabilities : Rs. 2,53,44,574.86 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Three Lakh Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred and seventy four and Paisa Eighty Six Only) **as on 17-02-2026 with further interest and charges thereon**

Reserve Price : Rs.2,88,75,000/- **EMD : Rs. 28,88,000/-**

Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **21.03.2026 - 4.00 p.m.**

Description Immovable Property

Name of Title holder : Mr. BHASKAR BHOGADI

SCHEDULE-A Property :Item No 1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No.343/2 measuring 24 guntas and survey No.338/2 measuring 1Acres, totally measuring 1 acre 24 guntas converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 11.01.2005 bearing No.ALN:SR(A).509/2004-05 situated at Bidaraguppe Village Attibele Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the: East by:Land belonging to Ramachandrappa, West by: Tank bund, North by: Land belonging to B M Govinda Reddy Smt. Saraswathamma S others, South by: Land belonging to Survey No.331.

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No.343/1 measuring 2 acres 37 guntas converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 20.07.2012 bearing No.ALN(A):SR/76/12-13,situated at Bidaraguppe Village Attibele Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the: East by: Land bearing Re-Survey No.344, West by: Land bearing Re-Survey No.341, North by: Land bearing Re-Survey No.343/1 and Road, South by: Land bearing Re-survey No.338 & 343/2

SCHEDULE 'B' Property : Villa No.33 Type 2 Block A, admeasuring 2750 Sq.ft super built up area(Carpet Area 1852 Sq.ft), along with UDS of 1265 Sq.ft, together with one car parking space to be constructed on Schedule A Property known as "AKRUTIARK". Bounded on : East by: By road/ Passage, West by: Remaining portion of the property, North by: Passage, South by: Villa No.34.

CERSIA ID: 400073185295

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Koramangala Layout Branch, Ph: 9483520885 e-mail: cb0885@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day or the service provider **E-bkray (M/s PSB AlliancePvt.Ltd)**,(ContactNo.8291220220, **website:https://bananknet.com/,Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com**

Date : 18.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B) NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR

E-mail seec.bbsr2010@gmail.com

Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 33/2025-26

34001/97/2526 No__632_____/Date__18.02.2026_____/

The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for E.I. works which are to be received through online bidding, double cover system as detailed in :https://tendersorissa.gov.in. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from **dt.05.03.2026 at 05.00 P.M. to dt.19.03.2026 up to 05.00 P.M.** The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened **dt.20.03.2026 at 11.30 A.M.** in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in.**

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, BBSR

OIPR-34001/34006/1/25-26/0021

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

(Ministry of Railways)
(General Manager's Office, Personnel Department,
Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064)

NOTIFICATION NO.RWF/RC-101/996 (2) DATED 18.02.2026

RECRUITMENT OF SPORTS PERSON IN THE GAME OF HOCKEY (MEN) TO THE POST IN LEVEL-2 OF RS(RP) RULES, 2016 IN RAIL WHEEL FACTORY FOR THE YEAR 2025-26.

Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, invites applications in the prescribed format from eligible sportspersons for One (01) post to be recruited in Level-2 (GP 1900) of the pay matrix of VII CPC against Sports Quota (Open Advertisement) for the year 2025-26.

AGE: 18-25 years as on 01.01.2026.

The details of Sports/Discipline/Game/Event & distribution of post for above recruitment notified are as under:

Name of the Sports Discipline/Game	Event/ Position	No. of post in pay Level-2	No. of Sportsperson
Hockey (Men)	Goal Keeper	01	01
Total		**01**	**01**

For detailed Notification including minimum Sports norms required and Application Form, visit RWF website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in**

Last date for receipt of application is **03.03.2026** for all the candidates except for those candidates residing at far flung areas (as indicated in the Notification) for which the last date of receipt is **10.03.2026.**

Sd/-
PRINCIPAL CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Doddaballapur Branch

Near Ananaya School Driving School
First Floor Rangappa Circle, Doddaballapur,
Bangalore Rural - 561 203.
Phone : 080-29562115/7625079229
e-mail Id:doddaballapur@canfinhomes.com
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Doddaballapur Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **27.03.2026**, for recovery of **Rs.19,99,800/-** (Rupees Nineteen lakh Ninety nine thousand Eight hundred only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. From **Mr.Achyutha Reddy** S/o Venkataravanappa and **Mrs. Sowmya.R** S/o Achyutha Reddy and **Mr. Lokesh.V** S/o Venkataravanappa (Guarantor) as on 18.02.2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 27,20,000** (Rupees Twenty seven lakh twenty thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,72,000** (Rupees Two lakh Seventy-two Thousand only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential property bearing Site No.27, Assessment No.28/4/27, Katha No.28/4/27 Situated at Shanubhoganahalli village, HessarghattaHobli, Yelahanka Taluk Bangalore urban District measuring East to West 41.5 ft & North to south 26.51 ft totally 1100 sq ft.

Same is bounded as under: To the East: Road, To the West: Site No.28 and 29, To the North: Site No.27A, To the South:Road

Known Encumbrance : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(https://www.canfinhomes.com/ Search Auction.aspx).

Link for participating in e-auction : www.auctionbazaar.com

Date: 18.02.2026
Place : Doddaballapur

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

MANGALORE DIVISION : MANGALORE

No. KST/MNG/TR/COM/3184/2025-26 **Date: 18.02.2026**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION NO-09/2025-26

(Through e-Procurement only)

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Mangaluru Division, invites e-Tender and for the selection of Licensee for commercial stalls, Two Wheeler/Car parking, Refreshment Room(Veg/Nonveg) at Bus Stations of Mangalore, Kundapura, & Dr.V.S.Acharya Bannanje Udupi Bus Stations & at Mangalore-3rd Jnnurm depot, Udupi Depot & Divisional Work Shop for a period of 3/5/10 years (annual escalation of 10% on monthly licence fee) through e- procurement. Also invited for the Selection of Licensee for Second Floor at Dr.V.S.Acharya Bus Station Bannanje, Udupi for a period of 10 Years (annual escalation of 5% on monthly licence fee). E-Tender documents can be downloaded from e-procurement website **https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or before **09.03.2026 at 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of E-Tender Technical/ Financial Bid-on **dtd:12.03.2026 at 10:30 hrs.** For more details visit Divisional Office, K.S.R.T.C Mangaluru Division - 575004 during office hours. Contact Details: Divisional Traffic Officer - 7760990702, Assistant Traffic Manager - 7760990711.

Sd/-
Senior Divisional Controller
KSRTC : Mangaluru Division

DIPR/CP/5727/NR/2025-26

STATE BANK OF INDIA

HOME LOAN CENTRE, BANASWADI
#253, "Dolphin Mansion", Near Bus Depot, 1st Main Road,
HBR Layout, 2ndBlock, State -1, Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru -560043
TEL No: 080 -25943790/91, FAX No: 080 -25943793,
Email Id: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

File No. GWR/13159/HL/839 **A/c Nos. HTL 40157810496 & 42776057598**

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **15.10.2025 and its paper publication in the New Indian Express and Samyukta Karnataka dated 17.12.2025,** calling upon the Borrower/ Mortgagor, **Shri Macharla Naga Phani Kumar,** S/o Shri Macharla Venkateswara Rao, No.190, 4th Cross, Venkatapura, Koramangala 1st Block, Bengaluru – 560 034 **Also at:** H No.3-11-236, Sri Shankar Colony, L B Nagar Post, Saroornagar, Hyderabad – 500 074 **and Office Address:** Shri Macharla Naga Phani Kumar, M/s Human IT Solution Pvt Ltd, 2nd Floor, Park Langing, 5AC – 709, Outer Ring Road, 2nd Block, HRBR Extension, Bengaluru – 560 043 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.90,93,300/- [A/c No. HTL 40157810496 – Rs. 84,67,042/- + A/c No.42776057598 – Rs.6,26,258/-]** (Rupees Ninety Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Only) as on 15.10.2025 + interest from **16.10.2025** + incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower**/**Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount in full as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **18.02.2026**

The Borrower/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.96,42,769/- [A/c No. HTL 40157810496 – Rs. 89,95,798/- + A/c No.42776057598 – Rs.6,46,971/-** (Rupees Ninety Six Lakh Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Only) as on 16.02.2026 and interest from 17.02.2026 + expenses thereon.

The Borrower/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Page **2** of **2**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE " A" PROPERTY(ENTIRE PROPERTY)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Present BBMP KathaNo.572/1,Converted Sy.No.16/10,{converted vide conversion Certificate bearing No.BDS.ALN.(E)SR:(Kr.Ho): 24/2007-08, dated 21/05/2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District}, situated at Basavanapura Village,K.R.Puram Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk presently Bangalore East Taluk,measuring about 2 Acres 6.08 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East By: Sy.No.16/3, West By : remaining portion Sy.No.16/10 and Road, North By: Road and Seegehalli Village boundary, South By : Sy. No.16/12

MORTGAGED PROPERTY SCHEDULE "B" : 718.16 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule " A" above.

SCHEDULE "C' : A residential 3 BHK apartment bearing Flat No.314 in the 3rd Floor of the Apartment Building known as "SAMHITA ROYAL SPLENDOR" constructed in the above Schedule 'A' Property measuring Super Built up area of 1575 Sq feet with one covered Car Parking Space and the said flat is standing the name of Shri M N Phani Kumar, S/o Shri Venkateswara Rao Macharla, vide Sale Deed dated 30.04.2021 and Registered as Document No.BDH-1-00540 and CD No.BDHD776 dated 30.04.2021 at Sr. SRO, Bidarahalli, Bengaluru – 560049.

Place: Bengaluru,
Date : 18.02.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

INDEL MONEY

Corporate office: **Indel Money Limited,**
IIIrd Floor Indel House, Changampuzha Nagar,
South Kalamassery, Ernakulam -682033 ,
Ph: 0484-2933999 E:customercare@indelmoney.com

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 21-03-2026 at 11:00 am We are auctioning the gold ornaments of the defaulted customers who have failed to make the payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified through various communication. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice of changes in venue or date and the same shall be displayed at concerned branches without any further notice.

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In case we are unable to complete the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through Shriram Automall India Limited (SAMIL) on their online e- auction platform https://gold.samil.in or e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger) on their online e- auction platform https://egold.auctiontiger.net on 24-03-2026 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM. Please note if the e- auction does not completed on 24-03-2026 the same will be re-auctioned on subsequent working days on the same terms and conditions.

By Authorized Officer,
Indel Money Limited

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited (acting in capacity as Trustee for the below mentioned Trusts) (hereinafter referred to as "ARCIL") is incorporated under the companies Act, 1956 and registered as an Asset Reconstruction Company with the Reserve Bank of India of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of security interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the SARFAESI Act") and whereas the Borrower / Co-Borrowers as mentioned in Column No. 2 of the below mentioned chart obtained loan from **IIFL-Home Finance Ltd.,** the Original Lenders and whereas ARCIL has acquired the financial assets relating to the loan accounts mentioned herein below and whereas ARCIL being the secured creditor under the SARFAESI Act, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 2 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice calling upon the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers as mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served upon some of them for various reasons.

Name of Trust: **Arcil - Trust -2026 - 015**

Name of Borrower's/ Co-Borrower Name's/ Guarantor's/ LAN No.'s	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of Secured asset (Immovable Property)
Mrs. Puttalingamma Mr. Channaiah Provision Store **(Prospect No IL10671721)**	**05-Jan-2026, Rs.916983.47/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three Rupees & Forty Seven Paise Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property No,22/20, E Swathu No.152900103100600485 Situated At Lalaghatta Village , Grama Panchayat Vandaraguppe Hobli, Channapatnam Taluk, Ramnagar District, Karanataka 562160 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land _Area, Built_Up_Area, Super_Built_Up_Area Property Area: 567.00, 425.00, 120.00 Bounded By North: Nagamma Co Channappaji Site South Kariyappa Ans Chikkonu House East Government Road West Gundaiah Site
Mrs. Annapoorna Mr. Anjinappa Siddagangaiah Siddheshwara Enterprises Siddheshwara enterprises **(Prospect No IL10665232)**	**05-Jan-2026, Rs.5130067.62/-** (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Thirty Thousand Sixty Seven Rupees & Sixty Two Paise Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Site No.1, Khata No. 85/65, Property No.146, Khata No.146/1, situated at Kodadithirumalapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru; presently under TMC Heraghatta Limits 560089 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 2010.00, 1450.00 Bounded By North: Road South Vacant Site East Residential Building No. 02 West Road

Notice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower, ARCIL shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by Arcil at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act.

Take note that in terms of S- 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and/or dealing with the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner

PLACE : BANGALORE **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
DATE : 19.02.2026 **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (In capacity as Trustee)**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See Provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase amount are mentioned below -

Name & address of Borrower/s Guarantor/s/ Mortgagor (s)	Detailed Description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	Account Number Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction	1) Reserve Price, 2) EMD amount, 3) Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1. M/s. Venture World, Proprietor : Mrs. Jayalakshmi Gopinath, Registered Office At 86/1 - 74/75, Ground Floor, 100 Feet Ring Road, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085. **2. Mrs. Jayalakshmi Gopinath (Proprietor),** Residing at : No. 18, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Srinivasnagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore-560050. **3. Mr. Ramesh H C (Guarantor)** S/o. Sri. Chinnaiah, No. 710, 2nd Cross, 4th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Banashankari, Bangalore-560050.	Residential Property Bearing No. 25 and 26, Rajarajeshwarinagar, CMC Khatha No. 238 & 237, House List No. 137 & 122, BBMP Khatha No. 225/25, 26/237/238/226, PID No. 160-W0429-12 Situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru-560098, Measuring East To West 69 Ft., North To South 48 Ft. On Northern Side & 42 Ft. On Southern Side, Totally Measuring 3105 Sq.ft. And **Bounded by : East by** : Site No. 24, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Site No. 27, **South by** : Road. KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES : NIL	**Account No. : 27710400000176** **Dues : Rs. 63,80,116/-** As on 14.02.2026 and with further interest thereon at the contractual rate Plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment.	**On 10.03.2026 from 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM.**	**1. Reserve Price: Rs. 3,23,00,000/-** **2. EMD Rs. 32,30,000/-** **3. BID Increase Amount : Rs. 50,000 /-**	**Symbolic Possession (Vacant Building)**	**With prior Appointment from Authorized officer (after 19.02.2026)**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com. Pending Charges regarding Property Tax, Electricity Charges, E khata making charges to be borne by the highest bidder. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25011441 and Mobile No.9137960132.

Date: 18.02.2026, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

38 miners in central Nigeria die in gas explosion

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain ● **HR:** Heavy Rain ● **LS:** Light Snow ● **TDS:** Thundershower ● **LC:** Light Cloud ● **SNY:** Sunny

B'DESH PM PLEDGES SAFETY FOR ALL FAITHS, UNVEILS 180-DAY PLAN

Aims to strengthen rule of law, ensure equal rights regardless of party, religion or ethnicity

DHAKA

BANGLADESH's newly-elected Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on Wednesday vowed to strengthen the rule of law and said his government will turn the country into a safe land for people of all faiths, regardless of party, opinion, religion, or ethnicity.

Tarique Rahman chairing the first meeting of his newly formed cabinet

In his maiden televised address to the nation after assuming office, Rahman outlined his government's priorities and said that improving the law and order situation and strictly controlling corruption to restore peace and security are his top priorities.

"We want to turn this country into a safe land for every citizen. Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Christians — regardless of party, opinion, religion, or ethnicity — whether living in the hills or the plains, this country belongs to all of us," said the prime minister , who is also the chief of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

"Whether you voted for BNP, or did not vote for BNP, or did not vote at all — everyone has equal rights over this government...As a Bangladeshi, every one of us has equal rights in this country, in this state," he asserted.

Earlier on Wednesday, Tarique Rahman chaired the first meeting of his newly formed cabinet, which set a 180-day priority plan with a focus on controlling commodity prices, maintaining law and order and stabilising supply chains.

Rahman, the 60-year-old chief of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), was sworn in as the 11th prime minister on Tuesday after leading his party to a forceful victory in the 13th Parliamentary polls held on February 12. The first meeting of the new cabinet was held at the Cabinet Division in the Secretariat.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said it is customary for a newly formed government to hold a session on its first day in office. The government has set a 180-day priority plan, with initial focus on controlling commodity prices, maintaining law and order, stabilising supply chains, and ensuring uninterrupted gas and electricity supply, Ahmed was quoted as saying by *The Daily Star* newspaper. *PTI*

Greece partners with 4 more European countries to set up migrant return hubs

ATHENS

GREECE is working with four other European countries to set up deportation centers in third countries, most likely in Africa, for migrants whose asylum applications are rejected, Greece's migration minister said Wednesday. Thanos Plevris said on Greek state broadcaster ERT television that Greece was working with Germany, the Netherlands, Austria and Denmark for the creation of so-called return hubs, "preferably in Africa." Ministers from the five countries had already met to discuss the issue, and technical teams would be meeting next week, he said.

"We are not speaking theoretically any more, we are speaking practically," Plevris said. He didn't specify which countries were being considered to host the return hubs, and said the choice of the African continent was "not binding." It was the larger European countries that were speaking directly with the countries where the return hubs could be located, "but we are participating too," he added. The use of return hubs would be for people whose asylum applications are rejected and whose countries of origin will not take them back, the minister explained.

He said their existence would act as a deterrent to prospective migrants who are unlikely to be granted asylum. The minister said the aim was for an initial plan to be in place in the next few months, although it wasn't clear when any such return centers could be up and running. On Europe's southeastern edge, Greece is a key EU entry point for people fleeing conflict and poverty, with tens of thousands arriving yearly on risky sea routes from Turkey and north Africa. *AP*

Indonesia tightens grip on nickel as EV demand shifts

HANOI

INDONESIA is tightening state control over the world's largest nickel supply after years of betting the metal would anchor a homegrown electric-vehicle industry, and just as global demand begins shifting away from heavy reliance on nickel.

The move could still ripple through global EV supply chains as the United States and China compete for critical minerals. Indonesia sits at the center of the nickel market: its share of global supply jumped to about 60% in 2024 from 31.5% in 2020, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence, after former President Joko Widodo banned raw ore exports, drawing a surge of Chinese-backed investment into refining.

Jakarta hoped that control over nickel would underpin a fully domestic EV industry, from mining and batteries to finished cars. Experts say that promise was used to justify forest clearing and mining expansion in the name of the energy transition, even as climate risks deepened.

In 2025, Indonesia cracked down on what it called illegal exploitation of natural resources, saying many mining and plantation licenses were tainted by bribery or never properly approved.

Authorities say they have seized more than 4 million hectares of mines, palm oil plantations and processing sites, levied $1.7 billion in fines, and could seize another 4.5 million hectares this year. However, analysts warn the crackdown comes as nickel's payoff fades, with many Chinese EVs shifting to iron-based batteries that use far less of the metal. *AP*

Visitors look at vehicles during a motor show in Jakarta, Indonesia | AP

Israel sets 10K cap for West Bank Al-Aqsa worshippers

JERUSALEM

Israel announced that it will cap the number of Palestinian worshippers from the occupied West Bank attending weekly Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in east Jerusalem at 10,000 during the holy month of Ramadan, which began on Wednesday. Israeli authorities also imposed age restrictions on West Bank Palestinians, permitting entry only to men aged 55 and older, women aged 50 and older, and children up to age 12.

"Ten thousand Palestinian worshippers will be permitted to enter the Temple Mount for Friday prayers throughout the month of Ramadan, subject to obtaining a dedicated daily permit in advance," COGAT, the Israeli defence ministry agency in charge of civilian matters in the Palestinian territories, said in a statement. "Entry for men will be permitted from age 55, for women from age 50, and for children up to age 12 when accompanied by a first-degree relative."

COGAT told AFP that the restrictions apply only to Palestinians travelling from the West Bank, which Israel has occupied since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. "It is emphasised that all permits are conditional upon prior security approval by the relevant security authorities," COGAT said.

"Residents travelling to prayers at the Temple Mount will be required to undergo digital documentation at the crossings upon their return to the areas of Judea and Samaria at the conclusion of the prayer day," it said, using the Biblical term for the West Bank. *AFP*

Ukraine war talks in Geneva end without any deal

GENEVA

THE latest US-brokered talks between envoys from Moscow and Kyiv over Russia's all-out invasion of Ukraine ended Wednesday with no sign of a breakthrough and with both sides saying the talks were "difficult," as the war's fourth anniversary approaches next week. The negotiations in Switzerland were the third round of direct talks organised by the US, after meetings earlier this year in Abu Dhabi that officials described as constructive but which also made no major headway. Expectations for significant progress in Geneva were low.

"The negotiations were not easy," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said after the talks broke up and he spoke briefly by phone from Kyiv with his negotiating team. He earlier accused Russia of "trying to drag out negotiations" while it presses on with its invasion — an accusation he and European leaders have repeatedly made in the past.

Despite that, some progress was made on military issues although political differences remain deep, including over the future of land in eastern Ukraine that is occupied by the Russian army and that Russian President Vladimir Putin wants to keep, Zelenskyy said. The head of the Russian delegation, Putin adviser Vladimir Medinsky, told reporters that the two days of talks in Geneva "were difficult but businesslike."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that it's "too early" to speak about the outcome of the talks. Putin has been receiving reports about progress in Geneva, he said. Both sides said a new round of talks is set to take place. Zelenskyy described the military discussions as "constructive," adding that the armed forces of both countries considered how any future ceasefire might be monitored.

"Monitoring will definitely be carried out with participation of the American side," he said in a voice message shared in a media group chat on WhatsApp. The two armies remain locked in battle along the roughly 1,250-km front line as Russia bombards Ukrainian civilian areas daily. *AP*

Soldiers are at a pickup before assignments on the frontline near Kostyantynivka, Donetsk region in Ukraine | AP

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that, my client Sri **M. Shankar,** son of Muniyappa, resident of near Mariyamma Temple, Dinnur Kadugodi, Bengaluru 560 067, has lost the original sale deeds bearing document/s (1) No.MLR-1-00110/2005-06, Book I, CD No. MLRD10 dated: 13/04/2005 (2) No. MLR-1-00673-2007-08, Book-I stored in CD No.MLRD27 dated 08/05/2007 and (3) No.MLR-1-01041-2022-23, Book I, stored in CD No.MLRD1000 dated 05/05/2022 all the aforesaid documents are registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Malur in respect of the schedule property.

The aforesaid original documents were misplaced /lost by my client on 29/10/2025 and in this regard my client lodged a complaint before the jurisdictional police station and the said police issued online acknowledgement on 19/11/2025. Inspite of best efforts of my client, he is unable to trace out the same so far.

If anybody trace out the same, the same may be returned to the undersigned and / or to my client in the aforesaid address.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing old Sy.No.116 new Sy.No.116/2, measuring 2 acres 13.08 guntas and situated at Bellavi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and the same is bounded on the: **East by :** land of Munivenkatappa, **West by:** land of Nanjamma, **North by :** land of B.V. Venkatesh, **South by :** Land of J.M.J and land of Ramalingappa

SUBRAMANI .Y, Advocate
No. 1, Old No. 184, 2nd floor, 1st Main,
1st Cross, Lower Palace Orchard,
Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 003
e-mail: vakilsubramani.iyc@gmail.com.
Phone No.9449550616. Date: 18/02/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with **Mr. RAKESH KUMAR.** S/o. Late M. L. Kumar, aged about 68 years and **Mrs. SUNITA KUMAR** W/o Mr. Rakesh Kumar, aged about 65 years, both are residing at No. WZ-115-A, Meenakshi Garden, Subash Nagar Metro, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018, to purchase the Schedule Properties for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that **Mr. Rakesh Kumar and Mrs. Sunita Kumar** are the absolute owners of the Schedule A and B Properties and they jointly have acquired the Schedule A Property under the Sale Deed dated 18th December 2018, Registered as document No. BNS-1-15623-2018-19, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinar(Banaswadi), Bengaluru executed by Mr. P Madhu Sudhana, Mr. K P Muralidhara and Mr. P Manohara all are S/o Late A Patalaiah, and Schedule B Property under the Sale Deed dated 17th March 2025, Registered as document No. MDP-1-06721-2024-25, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinar(Mahadevapura), Bengaluru executed by Mr. P Ramakrishnan S/o S Palaniappan. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule A and B Properties is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to **Mr. RAKESH KUMAR and Mrs. SUNITA KUMAR**'s right, title and interest in the Schedule A and B Properties and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.1, Property No. 7363/SY.NO-579/S NO-1, BBMP E-PID No-6479029764, Assessment No. 579, measuring East to West on Northern Side 57 Feet and Southern Side 52 Feet 6 Inches, North to South on the Eastern side 50 Feet and Western side 64 Feet, totally measuring 3120 Sq. Feet, (289.9 Sq. Meters,) Formed in Sy.No.579 situated at BBMP Ward No.26, Kalkere Village, K R Puram, Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Road, and South by : Site No.2.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.2, Property No. 681/579/site 2, BBMP E-PID No-4535339410, BBMP Old Khata No. 681/579/site 2, Assessment No. 579, measuring East to West 54 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1620 Sq. Feet, (150.5 Sq. Meters), Formed in Sy.No.579 situated at BBMP Ward No.26, Kalkere Village, K R Puram, Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by: Property belongs to Venugopal, West by : Road, North by: Site No.1, and South by : Site No.3.

M/s. B.M. Associates
Advocates & Consultants
No. 7/1, G.J. Complex, 100 Feet Road,
Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 038.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients **Sri. Chetan Raidurgam Vijayendrudu,** S/o. Late. Sri. Vijayendrudu R.M, aged 47 years, and **Smt. Pooja Raidurgam Chetan,** w/o.Chetan Raidurgam Vijayendrudu, aged 40 years, both are res. at. No. 73, 10th cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, BANGALORE-560085., have entered into sale agreement agreeing to purchase the schedule property with their Vendors **Sri. Y.V. Venkatesh,** S/o Late Sri. Y.V. Venkatavaradhachar, aged about 66 years, and **Sri. Y.V. Badarinarayan,** S/o. Late Sri. Y.V. Venkatavaradhachar, Aged about 53 years, are residing at No.77, 'Sri Lakshmi Varada Nilaya', 2nd Cross, 3rd phase, 4th Block, BSK 3d Stage, Bangalore-560 085. They have represented that, schedule property has clear and marketable title without encumbrances. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities, having any claims, right, title or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claims with the undersigned within a week hereof. Failing which my client will proceed to finalize above transaction on the basis that there are no claims. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece and parcel of the property bearing **No.55, situated at Sannidhi Road Basavanagudi Bangalore South Bangalore-560004 PID No.51-7-55 E-Katha No. EPID No. 5110687060,** ward No.154 Basavanagudi, measuring **East To West 48 feet, North To South 30 feet, totally (133.78/1440) sq feet with constructed House 111.483648/ 1199.999 Sq ft/s q Mt., built up area,** Comprising of ground and first floor with all appurtenances and easements standing thereto.

Bounded as follows:- **East by :** Sannidhi Road, **West by:** Property No.38 (New No.54, **North by:** Property No.56 Venkata subbiah House, and **South by:** N.R. Colony Road.

Kalpana Sukumar, Advocate
No.245/409, 8th Cross, Shastrinagar,
Bangalore-560 070.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to General public that my client by name **MOUNIKA** D/o Late V.Amaresha Reddy R/at No.84, 3rd Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru-560093 is intending to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule A hereunder from SRI.MUNIYAPPA S/o Late Papaiah R/at Gaddambachhahalli Village, Rajaghatta Post, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. who has represented to be the owner of Schedule property, having exclusive rights and lawful possession to alienation/sell the same. Similarly my client also is intending to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule B hereunder from **SMT.R.S.REKHA RAJASHEKAR** W/o Rajashekar N.P. R/at No.54/6, 3rd Main Road, Ranganathapura, Kamakshipalya, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079 who has represented to be the owner of Schedule property, having exclusive rights and lawful possession to alienation/sell the same.

Any person/s claiming any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in and over the Schedule property or any liability thereon may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof thereof, with the undersigned within FIVE DAYS of Publication of this Notice, as otherwise, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction as if there are no subsisting claims or objections and that all such claims or objections not filed in time shall be deemed/presumed to have been waived and given up and shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.74/5 (old Sy.No.74/4), measuring 20 Guntas, situated at Rajaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on the:

East by : Land in Sy.No.74/4
West by : Land belongs to Annappa
North by : Chikkaballapura Road
South by : Land in Sy.No.79

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.79/6 (old Sy.No.79/1), measuring 15 Guntas, situated at Rajaghatta Village, KasabaHobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on the:

East by : Land belongs to S.R.Sumatha
West by : Land belongs to Ramanjanappa
North by : Land belongs to Gubbanna
South by : Land belongs to R.S.Harish

CHANDRASHEKAR.C, ADVOCATE
B-107, 'BRIGADE MAJESTIC',
26 Kavi Kalidasa (1st Main) Road,
Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore-560 009.
Mobile No.9449212739

Form No. 18
NOTICE FOR APPEARANCE IN APPEALS ORDER 41 RULE 14 CPC, AND RULES 1,2,4 AND 11 OF CHAPTER IV KARNATAKA HIGH COURT RULES
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
MFA NO. 1460/2021 (CPC/SJ)

APPELLANT/S: SRI.K.V.NAIDU, S/O K C NAIDU, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, R/A NO.13, 4TH CROSS, 1ST MAIN ROAD RMV 2ND STAGE, DOLLARS COLONY, BENGALURU-560094 By SRI. P.N. NANJA REDDY. ADV.

-V/s-

RESPONDENT/S: 1. SMT.RANI, W/O K SHEKAR, AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS, R/AT # 1, 1ST CROSS, SAPTHAGIRI LAYOUT, VIDHYARANYAPURA POST, BENGALURU-560097 AND OTHERS

Appeal From the Judgement/Award/Order passed on 23/02/2021 ON IA No.1 in O.S. Number 7561/2019 on the file of the XII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-27) BENGALURU

To, **RESPONDENT Nos. 5 AND 6: 5. JALAL,** S/O AHMED, AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, R/AT CHIKKABETTAHALLI, HESRAGHATTA ROAD, VIDHYARANYAPURA POST, BENGALURU-560097.

6.SHAFFI, S/O BAKSHI, AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, R/A CHIKKABETTAHALLI, HESRAGHATTA ROAD, VIDHYARANYAPURA POST, BENGALURU-560097

Whereas the aforementioned Appeal preferred has been registered by this Court NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you in this case on **24-03-2026** at 10:30 A.M., in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail so to appear, the appeal will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court on 16-02-2026.

By order of the court, Assistant Registrar,
High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for kind information of the General Public are hereby informed that **Sri. G. Sathya Murthy @ Giriyappa Sathya Murthy** S/o Late.V.Giriyappa, and **Sri.S.Kengal Prasad** S/o G. Sathya Murthy both are residing at #40/1, MIG, KHB Colony, 2nd stage, Near Reliance Fresh, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru-560079 are the absolute owners of the schedule property as mentioned below.

It is further intimated the Publics that the above said owners to the schedule property are intent to alienate the same to our client Sri. Dayananda.G S/o Late.Giriyappa, Residing at No.624, 8th "B" Main, 3rd stage, 2nd Block, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru-560079 and He accepted to purchase the schedule property as mentioned below accordingly sale agreement was entered into between our client and above said owners to the property dated 30-1-2026 duly registered before the Senior Sub-Registrar office vide document No.SRI-1-06749-2025-26, Book-I, Dated 31-1-2026 and it is free from all encumbrance and no other person/s have got any right, title, interest, charges over the same except our client Sri. Dayananda.G S/o Late.Giriyappa,. Any person/s having any claim, right title, interest, charges or any objection/s lien, gift, trust, maintenance, inheritance, possession lease, license, easement or otherwise having any claim in respect of against or to the schedule property and or opposing the sale transaction in what so ever manner may lodge his/her/their/objections in writing to the undersigned with relevant documentary proof **within 7 days** from the date of Publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that no other person's have got any claim right, title interest or charges over the said property and our client will proceed to obtain the absolute registered sale deed and complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the property bearing property Identification old No. 101-W0149-6, New No.18-25-B/1, Old Property No.134, New Municipal No.B/1, Plat No. B, developed by the Karnataka Housing Board situated at KHB Colony, 1st stage, 6th main Kamakshipalya ward Basaveshwara nagara, Bengaluru-560079, BBMP Old Ward No.18, New No.101, property in PID No. 18-25-B, subsequently E-Swathu katha was effected by the BBMP bearing PID No. 3503857335 towards Northern side of the property measuring East to West Northern side 60 feet and Southern side 65.03 Feet, and North to South Eastern side 35.02 feet, Western side 31.02 Feet, totally measuring 2078.00 Sq.feet, formed by Karnataka Housing Board bearing KHB property NO.(B) and bounded on :-

East by : Plot No.C belong to L.G. Raghu
West by : 30 feet Road,
North by : property bearing MIG-41,
South by : Plot No. B belongs to L.G. Ramesh.

P.R Harish Kumar. B.A.L.LLB
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DOCUMENTS LOST

This to bring to the notice of the General Public that, ourself **Sri P.Anjanappa** S/o Sri Puttappa, Residing at No.11/12, 4th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Boopasandra New Lay out, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560094, and **Smt K.Gayatri Devi**, W/o late P.Muniraju R/at No.6/8, Angadi Thimmaiah Layout, Nagashettyhalli, Bengaluru-560094, we are the absolute owner of Agriculture land bering Sy.No.60/1 measuring 1-00 Acre and Sy.No.60/2 measuing 2-00 Acre situated at Doddatumakur, Madure Hobli Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. We have lost the Original Gift Deed date 18.05.2013, bearing Document No.DBP-1-01249-2013-14, Book No.1 CDNo. DBPD294 Registred before the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura by way of Gift Deed. We have lost the Original document during renovation of our House. I have lodged a Lost Article Report **bearing No.1927088/2025 dated 27.11.2025.** The General Public is hereby informed that any person/s finding the Original above mentioned Original Gift Deed pertaining to the above mentioned property, may pleased to hand over the same to the undersigned. Any person/s claiming to have any right over the aforementioned property or any thereof arising out of the lost Registered Gift Deed should lodge their claim in writing, within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 27.11.2025

Sd/- (LINGARAJ)
Advocate & Legal Consultant
No.4-53, Ground Floor, Near Girija Towers,
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Tender Notice No.: CEE/P/SC -2x25KV-PSI-OGL-GDR-2025 -26-01, Dated : 09-02-2026

PUB/1959

For and on behalf of the President of the Union of India, Chief Electrical Engineer (Projects), Secunderabad invites (online) e-tender for the following works :

Sl. No. : 1. Tender No. : 2x25-EPC-PSI-OGL-GDR-10, Dated : 06-02-2026. **Description of work :** "Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of Traction Sub-Stations (TSSs), Sectioning Posts (SPs) and Sub-sectioning and Paralleling Posts (SSPs) in 2x25kV AT system with SCOTT-Connected transformers in ONGOLE (OGL) - GUDUR (GDR) section of VIJAYAWADA and VIJAYAWADA Divisions". **Approximate Value :** Rs.164,26,00,000.00. **Earnest Money should be pay through online :** Rs.83,63,000.00. **Cost of Tender form in Rs. :** Nil. **Completion Period :** 24 Months (Twenty Four Months). **Place of tender opening :** Secunderabad.

Sl. No. : 1. Description : Closing of Tender through e-tender (online). **Time :** 15:00 Hours. **Date :** 08-04-2026.

Sl. No. : 2. Description : Opening of Tender through e-tender (online). **Time :** 16:00 Hours. **Date :** 13-04-2026.

For further tender conditions / details and for submission of Tenders, please visit our website www.ireps.gov.in.

Note : Any modifications to the tender documents / corrigendum / addendum if required will be posted on the above website.

Chief Electrical Engineer /
A2492 Projects / Secunderabad.

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the public that my client is intend to purchase the land described in the Schedule hereto from its owners, **Mrs. Kantha** wife of Late Krishnappa M., Mr. Selvakumar. K son of Late Krishnappa M, and Ms. Dhanalakshmi, daughter of Late Krishnappa M, residing at No. 181, 24th 'A' Main Road, 7th Cross, Nagarbhavi, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru 560079. If any person / persons having any legal right / claim is / are interested to raise objection or lay a claim over the schedule property may do so in writing. Such objections / claims with supporting documents shall be undersigned within ten days from publication of this notice. Failing which, my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule property by treating that there are no legal impediments for transferring the same.

SCHEDULE

Land measuring one acre 28 guntas including 8 guntas of A-kharab in old Sy. No.180 present Sy. No.181/3 of Mantanakurchi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk and bounded on the :

East by : Land of Venkataramanappa,
West by : Road,
North by : Land of Subbarayappa,
South by : Lands of Siddagangaiah and Venkataramanappa.

VARUN PAPI REDDY Advocate
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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE XVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU [CCH-12]
P & SC No. 15/2026

PETITIONER : SMT. KAVITA KUMAR D/o V Kumar @ Kumar Venkataraman, Aged about 38 years, R/o. No. #409, 14th Main, Opp VET School Play Ground, J P Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bangalore South, J P Nagar, Bangalore -560078, Represented by her mother, Smt. Jagadhamba Kumar, Duly authorised by adjudicated Special Power of Attorney. **V/s**
RESPONDENTS : NIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named filed this petition under Section 276 of Indian Succession Act for grant of Probate of the will dated 14.11.1994 in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by Late Sri. K. Venkataraman grandfather of Petitioner herein, who expired on 23.11.1994.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **07.03.2026 at 11 a.m.** inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing No.78, situated at Binnamangala Extension, 1st Stage, now known as Indiranagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West -61'6" and North to South -40', coming under the limits of BBMP, Ward No. 80, Hoysalanagar Ward, Bangalore, assigned with PID No. 82-1-78 and also issued Ekhatha EPID No.3464421059 by BBMP and bounded on the:

East by : Site No. 121, **West by :** Road,
North by : Site No. 79, **South by :** Site No. 77,

Given under my hand & Seal of the Court, this 11th day of February 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER,
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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT CHENNAI

S.A. No. 33 of 2025

Ms. Jhansirani Vinodkumar & 25 Ors ...**Applicants**

..**Vs**..

1. M/s. International Asset Reconstruction Company Limited, Having its Branch Office at; #A-601/602/605, 6th Floor, 215 Atrium, Kanakia Spaces, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400093. Rept. By its Chairman/President.
2. **M/s. Electrex (India) Limited, 21-D1, Peenya Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560058. Rept. By its Managing Director.**
3. Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd., Having its Office at : Tower 61, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 10019 Represented by its Chairman/President.
4. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., A Banking company Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 having its registered Office at; 27-BKC, Plot No.C-27, "G Block", Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051.

And also having office at; 6th Floor, 12-BKC, Plot No.C-12, "G Block", Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051. Represented by its Chairman/President

...**Defendants No.1 to 4**

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Notice in S.A.No.33 of 2025, pending before Hon'ble Debt Recovery Tribunal-I, Chennai.

Please take notice that in the above matter filed by the petitioner namely Jhansirani Vinodkumar & 25 Ors, challenging the measures initiated by the Defendants. The Hon'ble Tribunal has ordered Private Notice to the Defendant No. 2 by way of paper publication returnable by 03.03.2026. The Defendant No. 2 (i.e.,**M/s. Electrex (India) Limited**) is therefore hereby called upon to appear before the Hon'ble Debt Recovery Tribunal - I, Chennai, situated at 7th Floor, Additional Office Building, Shastri Bhavan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006 **on 03.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M** in the above S.A. No. 33 of 2025 either in person or through your Advocate failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.

Yours, **SHRIKANTH PATIL**
Counsel for Applicants

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the intimation of public that my client Sri. Anand Kumar C.S. contracted to purchase the Schedule Properties Agricultural land from [1] Sri.Puttaramu, S/o Late Govindappa, [2] Smt.Saroja D/o Late Govindappa, [3] Smt.Nagarathna D/o Late Govindappa, [4] Sri.Pavan K. S/o late Rajamma, [5] Smt.Suma K. D/o late Rajamma, residents of Bengaluru.

Any body having any objection, right or claim on the schedule properties shall notify the same with documents to the Undersigned on or before **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.6/1 measuring 1 Acre 27 guntas at Arepalya Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagar District and bounded on : **East by :** Land belongs to Lakshmipathy, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Land belongs to Ramaiah, **South by:** Sy.No.6 & 7

ITEM No.2: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.6/2 measuring 0.25 guntas, situated at Arepalya Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagar District and bounded on: **East by:** Government Land, **West by:** Land belongs to Puttaramu, **North by:** Land belongs to Ramaiah, **South by:** Land belongs to Lakshmipathy

RAKSHITHA .D.J, Advocate
At No.64/1, SM Plaza, I Floor, DVG Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560 004.
Date: 18/02/2026

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AT CHENNAI

R.A. No.81 of 2019

BETWEEN: 1. M/s. Susen (India), Represented by its partner Mrs. N. Jayalakshmi, No. 433, 1st Floor, 17th Main 5th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 095. **2.Smt. N. Jayalakshmi,** D/o late B. Narasappa Gowda, No. 187, 4th Main, 11th Cross, BEML Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560 095 ... **APPEALANTS**

AND: 1. A R C I L - ARMS, Rep. by its Authorised Officer, Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, No. 92, Infantry Road, (Opp. ICICI Bank), Bengaluru-560 001. **2. The Manager, Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.** Koramangala Branch, Bangalore. **3. Mr. Rajesh Rupani,** S/o Sri Gopal Naraindas Rupani, No. 433, 1st Floor, 17th Main, Koramangala, 5th Block, Bangalore -560 095. **4. Mrs. Anitha Ramachandran,** D/o K. Ramachandran Aged 49 years, No. 187, 4th Main, 11th Cross, BEML Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore. **5. Mrs. C. Saraswathi,** W/o Mr. Chitti Babu Naidu, Aged Major, Residing at No. 30-6, Flat No.2, 4th Floor, Balaji Enclave, New KG Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085. ... **RESPONDENTS**

Please take notice that the applicants namely M/s. Susen (India) and another has filed the above appeal challenging the order dated 19th March, 2018 passed by the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal II, Bangalore, in S. A. No. 8/2018 before the Hon'ble Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Chennai. The Hon'ble Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Chennai has ordered notice to the 5th Respondent by way of paper publication returnable by **04-03-2026** Therefore the above 5th Defendant is hereby called upon to appear before the Hon'ble Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal Chennai, situated at 7th Floor, Additional Office Building, Shastri Bhavan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006 on **04-03-2026** at 10.30 A.M in the above R.A.No.81 of 2019 either in person or through their Advocate failing which the matter will be decided in their absence.

Counsel for Appellants:
M.A.RAJENDRA

pnb Housing Finance Limited Ghar Ki Baat

Regd. Office:- 9th Floor, Antrakish Bhavan, 22, K G Marg, New Delhi-110001, Ph: 011-23357171, 23357172, 23705414, Web: www.pnbhousing.com; Branch Address : No. 40, Jodh Tower 3rd Floor, 27th Cross 5th Main Road, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore 560 011

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice Under Section 13(2) of Chapter III of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Nterest Act 2002, Read With Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Amended as On Date. We, the **PNB Housing Finance Limited** (hereinafter referred to as **'PNBHFL'**) had issued Demand notice U/s 13(2) of Chapter III of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The said Demand Notice was issued through our Authorized Officer to all below mentioned Borrowers/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors since your account has been classified as Non-Performing (NPA) Assets as per the Reserve Bank of India/ National Housing Bank guidelines due to non-payment of instalments/ interest. The contents of the same are the defaults committed by you in the payment of instalments of principals, interest, etc. Further, with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of Demand Notice hence we are doing this Publication of Demand Notice which is also required U/s 13(2) of the said Act.You are hereby called upon to pay PNBHFL within a period of 60 Days of the date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount along with up-to-date interest and charges, failing which **PNBHFL** will take necessary action/measures under all or any of the provisions of Section 13(4) of the said Act, against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and guarantors. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement

S. No.	Branch	Loan A/c No(s)	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Property/ies	Date of Demand Notice	O/s Amount
1	Marathahalli	NHL/ MRH/ 0517/ 389651 & NHL/ BLRK/ 0419/ 683764	**Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi.A,** W/o Mr.A.G Sheshappa,Flat No. 208, 2nd Floor, Golden Nest Apartments,3rd Cross, Hosur Road,Adugodi, Bangalore – 560030. **Mr. A S Ravi,** S/o Late A G Sheshappa,Flat No. 001, Golden Nest Apartments,Behind Vijay Bank, Hosur Road,Adugodi, Bangalore – 560030. **Mr. A S Mohan** S/o Late A G Sheshappa, Flat No. 401, AMC Residence,Hosur Road, Adugodi, Bangalore – 560030. **Mr. A S BhaskarS**/o Late A G Sheshappa,Flat No. 208, 2nd Floor, Golden Nest Apartments,3rd Cross, Housr Road, Adugodi, Bangalore – 560030.All are at:No 4, Old No 4, Salarpuria Sapphire,Adugodi Main Road, Audugodi, Bangalore- 560030.	"SCHEDULE PROPERTY-A":All that property bearing PID No-67-23-4 (comprising old No's 4,5,6,7,8 &9), situated at Adugodi, Adugodi Main Road, Bangalore-30 presently comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara palike ward No-67, measuring to an extent of 30823 sq feet & bounded by: East: NDRI and Private Property,West: Hosur Road,North: NDRI Property,South: Property belongs to A M Chikkapapanna. "SCHEDULE-B"THE SHARE/PROPERTY OF BHAGYALAKSHMISUPER BUILT UP AREA TO AN EXTENT of 1200 Sft (i.e 1.6% of the total super built up area) on Ground, First & Second floors as mentioned below and constructed over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY-A Property Known as Sapphire, Project of Salarpuria and Sattva. **DESCRIPTION** : Second Floor. SUPER BUILT UP AREA IN SFT : 1200 – S2 Total :1200 a) An 2 No's covered car parking area at basement (Marked as 2A & 2B).b)Along with 1.6% undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and terrace.	21/01/ 2026	Rs. 52,83,485/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Five Only) as on 21-01-2026

Date: 13.02.2025, Place: MARATHAHALLI **Sd/- Authorised Officer, PNB Housing Finance Limited**

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93.95 ▲	Nifty	25,819.35	22 carat (10 gm)	₹141,500	₹50 ▼	10 gm	₹2,550	▼ Euro	107.39

OpenAI to partner with varsities to help students

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CHATGPT developer OpenAI on Wednesday announced partnering with various higher education institutions in India to help students, faculty, and staff use AI tools like ChatGPT responsibly to enhance learning, research, and creativity. The company, in a press note, said that the goal is not just to provide access to AI tools but to embed AI systematically into the core of academic institutions, promoting critical thinking, applied learning, and ethical use.

"AI literacy is essential to building a future-ready generation. Studies project that by 2030 nearly 40% of the core skills workers today rely on will change, driven largely by AI. Yet, a gap remains between what AI tools can do and how people are using them. Education institutions are a critical route to bridge this gap. By embedding AI tools, training, and research into the core infrastructure of schools and universities, they can equip students with the skills needed to thrive in a world with AI," said Raghav Gupta, head of education, OpenAI India.

The first group of partner institutions includes Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi), Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM Ahmedabad), All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi (AIIMS Delhi), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), and Pearl Academy. As per the company, each university will focus on applying AI in ways suited to its field.

For example, IIT Delhi will leverage AI for engineering-led innovation, research, problem-solving, and prototyping.

QUICK TAKES

1. Aims to embed AI into the core of academic institutions
2. Promoting critical thinking, applied learning, and ethical use

■ Cable routes to boost AI connectivity between India and the US ■ NVIDIA says partnerships will create advanced AI 'factories' in India

(L-R) James Manyika (Sr. VP, Google), Sundar Pichai (CEO, Google & Alphabet), Demis Hassabis (CEO, Google Deepmind), and Debjani Ghosh (distinguished fellow, Niti Aayog)

GOOGLE DEEPMIND TO TRAIN 20 MILLION PUBLIC SERVANTS

Google DeepMind has unveiled a broad India push spanning science, education and governance. The company is partnering with Anusandhan National Research Foundation to provide access to frontier AI-for-science models. It will train 20 million public servants with Karmayogi Bharat and launch Google AI Professional Certificates with Wadhwani AI.

India will have an extraordinary trajectory with AI: Sundar Pichai

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

GOOGLE chief executive officer (CEO) Sundar Pichai on Wednesday announced the America-India Connect initiative, a subsea cable project aimed at improving data connectivity between the US, India and all of the Southern Hemisphere. The announcement by Pichai came after he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the AI summit in New Delhi.

"We believe India is going to have an extraordinary trajectory with AI, and we want to be a partner. To help, we have launched new America-India Connect subsea cable routes building on our $15B investment in India's infrastructure, including a full-stack AI Hub in Vizag," said Pichai.

On his meeting with Modi, Pichai said on X: "We discussed how Google is helping with his mission to infuse AI at all levels in India to improve health, expand access to information in all languages, support startups, agriculture and so much more."

Pichai is one of the prominent CEOs attending the AI Summit wherein India is aspiring to position itself as a leader in global AI governance, particularly from the Global South perspective.

Google, the American tech giant, said that in collaboration with local partners, America-India Connect will establish a new international subsea gateway in Visakhapatnam (Vizag); three new subsea paths connecting India to Singapore, South Africa, and Australia; and four strategic fiber-optic routes that bolster network resilience and capacity between the United States, India, and multiple locations across the Southern Hemisphere.

Google said that they are developing a direct fiber-optic path between Vizag and Chennai on India's east coast to South Africa. It added that when combined with the Equiano and Nivem subsea cable systems, this will create a redundant high-capacity route that connects the American east coast around Africa to Vizag. Additionally, Google said that it is delivering a direct path between Vizag and Singapore. When combined with the Bosun and Tabua subsea cable systems, this will create a South Pacific route that connects the American west coast through Australia to Vizag, said Google.

NVIDIA ties up with Yotta, L&T, E2E to boost AI capabilities

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

NVIDIA, a US-based high-end GPU maker, on Wednesday announced partnerships with Indian companies like Yotta, L&T, and E2E Networks to boost AI capabilities and support the IndiaAI Mission.

The company said these partnerships will create advanced AI "factories" in India. As per the company, Yotta is building a large AI cloud called Shakti Cloud with over 20,000 NVIDIA Blackwell Ultra GPUs. E2E Networks, at L&T Vyoma Data Center in Chennai, is setting up a GPU cluster with NVIDIA HGX B200 systems and software. These systems will use NVIDIA Nemotron AI models to support healthcare, finance, agriculture, and manufacturing. The cloud will host AI workloads, train models, and provide AI services for start-ups, researchers, and companies in India.

Netweb Technologies is launching Tyrone Camarero AI Supercomputing systems, built with NVIDIA Grace Blackwell architecture. Made in India under the "Make in India" program, these systems combine GPUs and CPUs to support scientific computing, AI model training, and inference. NVIDIA Corporation (NVDA), based in Santa Clara, California, is a leading global maker of high-end graphics processing units (GPUs), holding a 92% market share in the discrete graphics segment as of 2025.

The company said its innovation centre is helping India build AI models using Indian data on domestic computing systems. This is important in a multilingual country like India, which has 22 official languages and over 1,500 others, so AI trained on local languages can help people use technology in their own language. To achieve this, organisations in India are using NVIDIA Nemotron, a platform of AI tools, models, and datasets, to create speech, language, and multimodal AI systems. One key dataset, Nemotron-Personas-India, includes 21 million synthetic Indian personas to train AI at a large scale.

Several Indian companies and initiatives are adopting these tools. BharatGen is building a 17-billion-parameter AI for public services, agriculture, security, and cultural preservation.

'INDIA ALREADY RECOGNISED NAME ON GLOBAL AI STAGE'

THE India AI Impact Summit 2026 has brought together AI experts, heads of states, ministers, global technology leaders, eminent researchers, representatives of multilateral institutions, and industry stakeholders in New Delhi to deliberate on the role of AI in advancing inclusive growth. On the sidelines of the summit, which is expected to attract more than 2.5 lakh visitors, **Rakesh Kumar** spoke to **S Krishnan**, secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). During the interaction, he emphasised that the core purpose of the event is to democratise AI and make it accessible to all sections of the society, while noting that the summit is not primarily focused on investments.

Are you satisfied with the response to the India AI Impact Summit so far?

Of course, I am very, very happy. Our objective was to democratise AI and ensure that people from all walks of life could attend an event of this magnitude. This summit is very different from others I have attended in the past, where typically only leaders, CEOs, and a few prominent names sit around tables and hold discussions. Here, we have truly democratised the platform. Common citizens have been able to attend. Youth participation has been tremendous. There has been an overwhelming response to both the expo and the sessions. Participants have had the opportunity to hear from some of the finest minds in the world of AI. The panels have been of outstanding quality, and many attendees have personally told me that the selection of panelists has been exceptional. Overall, I think it has been wonderful.

Do you believe events like this help position India as a global AI leader, particularly in the Global South?

The overseas delegations I have met have been full of praise. They particularly appreciated how AI has been democratised and made into a truly public and inclusive event. Many of them mentioned that they have not seen anything like this before.

Have there been any significant investment announcements from major technology companies during the summit?

Let me clarify — this summit was not primarily about investments. It was never conceived as an investment summit. However, encouraged by the response and impressed by what has been showcased here, several companies have spontaneously come forward with investment announcements. This reflects the strong confidence the global community has in India and in the investments being made here.

The Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, has spoken about introducing stricter regulations on deepfakes. Could you share an update on that?

The rule is already in place and will come into effect on February 20. If there is any further need for legislation or additional regulation in this space, we will not hesitate to act.

Do you think this summit will further strengthen India's recognition on the global AI stage?

India is already a recognized name on the global AI stage. That recognition exists today — and that is precisely why you see this kind of response to the summit.

Festo opens GCC in B'luru, plans to hire 600 people

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AUTOMATION company Festo opened a new Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Bengaluru and said the centre will support work in automation and smart manufacturing, and will create capacity for 600 people.

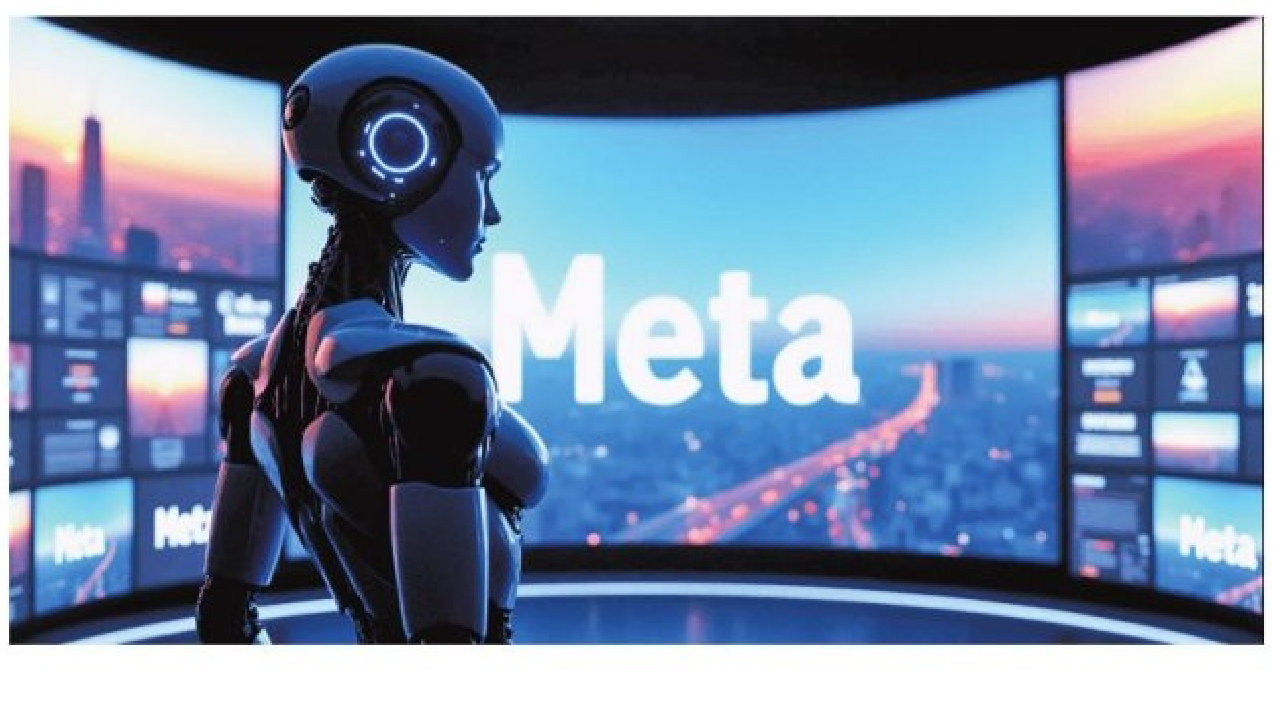
The 71,000 sq.ft facility is located near Electronics City. The company said the centre will focus on engineering, digital solutions, software development, data analytics and process management. It will support Festo's global operations and research activities.

The GCC will expand role of teams working on global process optimisation and innovation. Ravi Sastry, MD, said: "Our GCC in Bengaluru is aligned with Festo's vision of automation for a sustainable future, the centre will play a major role to drive global R&D initiatives while fostering collaboration with India's rich technology and engineering talent pool."

Alok Maheshwari, head of GCC, Festo India, said: "India has been a key growth market for Festo for four decades. The company remains focused on empowering industries, enabling skills for tomorrow through technical education."

India's AI mkt likely to reach $32 bn by '31: Meta

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi



INDIA'S AI market is projected to grow from $6 billion in 2024 to nearly $32 billion by 2031, supported by a large and rapidly expanding open-source ecosystem, according to a report released on Wednesday by Linux Foundation Research in partnership with Meta.

The report, titled AI for Economic and Social Good in India: Scaling Inclusive Growth for Entrepreneurs, Creators, and Local Economies, notes that nearly 70% of India's population lives in rural areas, where access to infrastructure and essential services remains uneven. In these areas, AI is beginning to bridge gaps. From medical chatbots providing guidance to people unable to reach clinics, to AI-enabled tools from start-ups such as CropIn that support farmers with crop monitoring and weather or disease prediction, AI is extending access to key services.

"India is already at the forefront of AI adoption, with its vibrant startup ecosystem creating innovative solutions tailored to the country's unique needs," said Rob Sherman, Vice President of Policy at Meta. "Open source AI coupled with pro-innovation regulation can supercharge India's AI ambitions—empowering local talent to build, adapt, and scale technologies not just for India, but for the world."

The research finds that open source plays a foundational role in India's AI ecosystem, with most start-ups relying on open technologies to build, customise, and deploy solutions. This approach supports cost-effective innovation and allows tools to be tailored to local languages, sectors, and connectivity conditions.

Beyond economic growth, the report highlights AI's growing role in addressing structural challenges. Open-source models are enabling solutions that improve access to justice, support smallholder farmers, enhance clinical decision-making, and expand digital services for communities historically excluded by language or geography.

The findings show how startup-led innovation combined with public-sector initiatives can accelerate progress while keeping AI locally relevant and widely accessible.

Bengaluru, NCR account for half of India's AI jobs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

MORE than half of India's artificial intelligence job openings are concentrated in Bengaluru and Delhi-NCR, according to CBRE Research.

An analysis of over 64,500 active job listings on Naukri.com as of December 2025 shows one out of every two AI jobs in the country is located in these two cities. Bengaluru holds the largest share at 25.4%, followed by Delhi-NCR at 24.8%.

Mumbai ranks third with 19.2% of AI-related job openings. Together, Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR and Mumbai account for 70% of total AI job listings. Other cities like Hyderabad, Pune, Chennai and Kolkata make up the remaining share.

FedEx to invest ₹2,500 crore to develop air cargo hub at Navi Mumbai airport

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

GLOBAL air logistics major FedEx is investing over Rs 2,500 crore to develop an exclusive, fully-automated air cargo hub at the Navi Mumbai international airport, which was commissioned late last December.

The proposed cargo hub, for which groundbreaking was done on Wednesday, will be designed as a regional consolidation and redistribution hub and developed in partnership with Adani Airport Holdings, over the next two years.

The proposed facility, to be developed as a dedicated cargo hub for FedEx, will come up within the airport premises under a long-term investment plan exceeding $250 million. Spread across 3 lakh sq.ft, the hub is designed as a regional consolidation and redistribution centre that will connect India with Southeast Asia, West Asia, Europe and the US, FedEx Corporation president and chief executive Raj Subramanian, who is an IIT-Bombay alumni, said here Wednesday.

Addressing the event, state chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said the cargo hub will complement the passenger operations at the airport and reinforce the state's position as a logistics and trade gateway.

EXPRESS READ

HUL to invest ₹2,000 cr in next 2 years

NEW DELHI: Fast-moving consumer goods player HUL on Wednesday said it will invest ₹2,000 crore to enhance manufacturing capacity in fast-growing premium categories across beauty & wellbeing and home care segments. The board of the company on Wednesday approved the proposed investment, according to a regulatory filing from HUL. *ENS*

RBI mandates UTI for OTC derivatives trades

NEW DELHI: Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) will become mandatory for all direct private trades in rupee interest rate and foreign currency derivatives from January 1, 2027, the Reserve Bank said on Wednesday. *ENS*

Markets close higher on bank stocks' rally

NEW DELHI: Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rose for the third straight session on Wednesday, driven by last-hour buying in bank, metal, and FMCG shares. BSE Sensex jumped 0.34% to settle at 83,734.25. *ENS*

Cigarette stocks rise as cos go for steep price increase

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SHARES of cigarette companies surged sharply on Wednesday following a price revision to offset the impact of higher taxes. ITC shares gained 2.2% to close at ₹332.70 apiece while Godfrey Phillips shares rallied 20% to settle at ₹2,478.8 apiece. VST Industries shares advanced over 2% on Wednesday.

As per industry estimate, Godfrey Phillips has hiked price of Marlboro Compact from ₹9.5 per stick to ₹11.5 per stick while prices for ITC's Gold Flake and Classic (Premium) has been raised by 41%, Classic Connect (Slims) by 20% and Gold Flake Superstar by 19%. Cigarette stocks had come under pressure since beginning of the year after the government notification of a new Excise duty. This followed the passage of the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which replaced the earlier levy with a formalised excise structure.

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

Tele: 08232 – 274571, E-Mail:manmulpurchase@gmail.com

IFT NO: MMU/PUR/E-Procu./Tender - 13/2025 -26 Date: 18.02.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tenders for **1.** Supply, Installation, Testing And Commissioning Of Straight Through Can And Can Lid Washer For Raw Milk Reception Dock. – 01 No **2.** Biennial tender for Motor Rewinding at MANMUL–01 Job. The bidders can download the documents from **18.02.2026** and Last date of submission of tender **05.03.2026 at 15.00 hrs**, Date of opening of Technical tender **06.03.2026 after 15.30 hrs** & Commercial Bid opening will be intimated. Interested bidders may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact helpline No: 080 25501227/ 25501216, **e-mail:hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**.

Note: For more information contact Manager (Purchase) Mob: **9513888247**

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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IFT NO: MMU/PUR/E-Procu./Tender - 12/2025 -26 Date: 18.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tenders for **1.** Supply, Installation of 220 Liters Capacity Solar water Heater System's With Accessories – 250 Nos **2.** Supply of Auto EMT - 150 Nos. **3.** Supply of Electronic Weighing Scale - 150 Nos **4.** Biennial Maintenance and service contract of 20KVA, 30KVA ashok Layland and Koel green make DG set installed at BMC centers - 105 Nos. The bidders can download the documents from **18.02.2026** and Last date of submission of tender **20.03.2026** at **15.00 hrs,** Date of opening of Technical tender **23.03.2026** after **11.30 hrs** & Commercial Bid opening will be intimated. Interested bidders may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact **helpline No: 080-25501227/25501216, e-mail:hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.**

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Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer
Yalahanka division, Bangalore – 560064.

No:BNCC/EE/YNK.D/KPPP/06/2025-26 **Date: 18-02-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only) The Executive Engineer, Yalahanka Division, Bengaluru North City Corporation, Zone -2, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BNCC invites tenders from eligible Contractors firm registered in Bengaluru North City Corporation or equivalent registration with Labour Department or any State Government Organizations for the detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Description
1.	Collection of Parking Fees for 1st A,13th A Main roads and 3rd A, 3rd B, 16th B, 15th A cross roads and Sandeep Unnikrishnan road in Yalahanka New Town Ward No-05. (2nd Call) **Minimum Reserve Annual License Fee: ₹ 1,10,00,000/-** **EMD: ₹ 2,20,000/-.**

Calendar of Events: (1)Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal from **20-02-2026** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **11.03-2026** upto **4:00** pm.(3) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **02-03-2026** at **3:00** pm in the office of the Chief Engineer – Zone 2, Bengaluru North City Corporation, 3rd Floor Minividhana soudha NES circle Yalahanka new town Bengaluru-64. (4)Technical Bid will be Opened on **11-03-2026** at **4:30** pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Yalahanka Division, BNCC

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Lost of document)

This is to inform the General Public that My Client **Smt. Annapurna Bai,** is the absolute owner of the immovable Property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.70, Property No.84 and 72/2, Khatha No.365/70, measuring East to West: 15 feet and North to South: 40 feet, in all measuring 600 Square feet, Situated at Aduru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and the Previous Original Registered Sale Deed had been lost which is registered on 05.03.2014, registered as document No.BNS-1-17190-2013-14, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore. I had lodged the complaint in Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, on 18/02/2026, LR No. 2069439/2026, if any body found the Sale Deed Original document kindly return to the below mentioned address;

RAVISHAIAH .R, Advocate,
No.28, Ground Floor, 38th Cross, 2nd Main Road, HBR Layout (Prakruthi Layout),
Hennuru, Bangalore-560 043
ROLL No. KAR/1301/2002
Ph. No. 9449721008

WESTERN RAILWAY

PROCUREMENT OF TRACK INSPECTION AND MONITORING SYSTEM

Chief Engineer, Western Railway, Churchgate invites the Electronic bid invitation for Design, manufacturing, supply, commissioning, operation and maintenance of Track Inspection and Monitoring System (TIMS) based on RDSO's Technical Specification No. TM/IM/419 (Revision 1, 2023). **Tender No. (E-Office File No.): W641-22-23-06C (E-434312). Description of Stores Tender:** Procurement of Track Inspection and Monitoring System (TIMS). **Qty:** 16. **Total Tender Value:**₹ 223.71 Crs. **EMD:** ₹ 50 Lakhs.**Online-Pre bid conference:** At 11:30 hrs. on 25.02.2026. **Date of Closing of e-Tender:** At 11:00 hrs. on 17.03.2026. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** 1132

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB)**. The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.

SR. NO. - 1, BRANCH - Peenya , **L. No. -** SEPEEYA0263619
Borrowers/Co-Borrowers - Mr/Mrs Shashikala, Mr/Mrs Komala S
Demand Notice Date - 20.12.2025 **& Outstanding Amount -** 765416

Description of Secured Asset - (Immovable Property) - All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Site No.42 Formed In Sy No.3, Situated At Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwathpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presetly Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp Ward No.12, Bangalore.,North by : Road,South by : Others Property,East by : House Of Puttagangamma,West By : Road.

SR. NO. - 2 , BRANCH - Hsr Layout , **L. No. -** 700009184060
Borrowers/Co-Borrowers - Mr/Mrs Lakshmi M, Mr/Mrs Narasimha M
Demand Notice Date - 20.12.2025 **& Outstanding Amount -** 2092574

Description of Secured Asset - (Immovable Property) - All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site No 236/3, Khatha No 236/3,Situated At Begur Village,Begur Hobli,Banglore South Taluk. Measuring As East To West 25 Feet, North To South 60 Feet Totally 1500 Sq. Feet,North by : Krishnappa Property,South by : Prabhavathi Bliss Apartment,East by : Private Property (Vacant Land),West By : 20 Feet Wide Road And Property Belongs To Ganesh.

Date - 19.02.2026,
Place - Bangalore

Authorized officer,
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

FORM NO. URC-2

ADVERTISEMENT GIVING NOTICE ABOUT REGISTRATION UNDER PART I OF CHAPTER XXI

[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Sub-Section (2) of Section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar of Companies Bangalore, that **M/s. UPDOT SOLUTIONS LLP (LLPIN: AAW-1137)** may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares,
2. **The Principal objects of the company are as follows:** a). To engage in the business of providing IT solutions including software development, web-related services, e-commerce, and telecom services by various modes and with the use of IT and its applications or to carry any other business as deem necessary.
3. **A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at:** 3C 708, 3RD CROSS ROAD, HRBR LAYOUT, FIRST BLOCK, KALYAN NAGAR, BANASWADI, BANGALORE, BANGALORE NORTH, KARNATAKA, 560043.
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to **Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6,7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050,** within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

Name of the applicants: ATHUL MADHUSOODANAN (Designated Partner)
HRITHIK UNNIKRISHNAN (Designated Partner)

IN THE COURT OF LXXXVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT) AT BANGALORE (CCH-89)

Com. O.S. No.973 /2025

BETWEEN : Union Bank of India, Thanisandra Branch, No. 455, Chandrika Heights, 80 Feet Road, Dr. Shivarama karanthnagar, Bangalore - 560 077. **...Plaintiff**

And

M/s. Barkath Traders, Represented by its Proprietor Mrs. Shaista Irfan Nek **... Defendant**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

M/s. Barkath Traders, No. 10, R. T. Nagar, V. Nagenahalli Main Road, Bangalore - 560 032. Represented by its Proprietor Mrs. Shaista Irfan Nek W/o. Mr. Irfan Nek, Aged about 41 years,

Also at: HMJ Apartment 12, 3rd Floor, Vinayaka Temple Street, KG Halli, 6th Cross, Mukthi Nagar, Bangalore - 560 045.

SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE (ORDER V RULE 20(1)

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has instituted the commercial original suit against you for recovery of money of sum of **Rs.17,81,993/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Three Only) as on 03.07.2025, together with future interest at the rate of 12.55% p.a. from the date of suit till realization.

Therefore you are hereby summoned to appear in person or by a pleader duly instructed before the LXXXVIII Additional City Civil Judge (Commercial Court) At Bangalore (CCH-89) on **15.04.2026** at 11.A.M. to answer the claim.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day aforementioned. The suit will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you ex-parte.

Given under my hand the seal of the Court of this Court the **13th day of February 2026.**

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
Commercial Court Unit
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff : **R. K. Amarnath,**
No.7, 1st Floor, Off Diagonal Road,
V. V. Puram, Bangalore - 560 004.

IN THE COURT OF LXXXVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT) AT BANGALORE (CCH-87)

Com. O.S. No.971 /2025

BETWEEN : Union Bank of India, Thanisandra Branch, No. 455, Chandrika Heights, 80 Feet Road, Dr. Shivarama karanthnagar, Bangalore - 560 077. **...Plaintiff**

And

M/s. Show India Furniture House, represented by its Proprietrix Mrs. Sharlin Solomon **... Defendant**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

M/s. Show India Furniture House, No. 920, 21st Cross, Dr. Shivaramakarnath Nagar, Srirampura Village, Bangalore - 560 077. Represented by its Proprietrix Ms. Sharlin Solomon Daughter of Mr. Solomon, Aged about 26 years.

Also at : No. 295, LBS Nagar, K. Narayana pura, Dr. Shivaramakarnath Nagar, Srirampura Village, Bangalore - 560 077.

SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE (ORDER V RULE 20(1)

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has instituted the commercial original suit against you for recovery of money of sum of **Rs.3,77,052/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Fifty Two Only) as on 03.07.2025, together with future interest at the rate of 13.05% p.a. from the date of suit till realization.

Therefore you are hereby summoned to appear in person or by a pleader duly instructed before the LXXXVI Additional City Civil Judge (Commercial Court) At Bangalore (CCH-87) on **22.04.2026** at 11.A.M. to answer the claim.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day aforementioned. The suit will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you ex-parte.

Given under my hand the seal of the Court of this Court the **17th day of February 2026.**

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
Commercial Court Unit
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff : **R. K. Amarnath,**
No.7, 1st Floor, Off Diagonal Road,
V. V. Puram, Bangalore - 560 004.

Bank of Baroda

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]"

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is"**, **"As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr. lot no.	Name & address of Borrower	Description of the Properties	Total Dues	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Increment amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & time
1	**1) Sri Rajesh Unnam,** S/o Sri Purnachandra Rao Unnam, Flat No 19, Ground Floor, Block-B, Landstar Pinnacle, Hirandahalli Village, Rampura Main Road, Avalahalli, Bangalore – 560049. **2) Sri Rajesh Unnam,** S/o Sri Purnachandra Rao Unnam, No 11/578, Opposite to Pragathi Krishna Gramin Bank, Near Devadurga Cross, Sirwar, Manvi Taluk, Raichur District, Karnataka – 584129, **3) Sri Rajesh Unnam,** S/o Sri Purnachandra Rao Unnam, Flat No 006, Landtsar Pinnacle Apartment, Hirandahalli Village, Virgonagar Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560049. **4) Sri Rajesh Unnam,** S/o Sri Purnachandra Rao Unnam, Door No 0000, Thimmasamudram Village and Post, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh - 523185	**Composite Schedule "A" Property**: All that piece and parcel of Property converted land hearing Old Sy No. 79. New Sy No. 79/2, measuring about 1 Acre, Sy No. 80/4. Measuring about 23 Guntas. (converted for residential purpose vide Conversion Certificate No.ALN(E) (B)SR:112/2009-10, dated 06/04/2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, both the lands together totally measures about 1 Acre 23 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the; East by: Land in Sy.No. 78, West by: Land in Sy. Nos 79 / 1 and No 80/3, North by: Road, South by: Land in Sy. No.79/1 **Schedule "B" Property:** 429 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. **Schedule "C" Property:** Flat bearing No. 019, Block - B in the Ground Floor, Property SL. No. 150200400100820213, measuring about 1289 Sq. ft. super built-up area, containing three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing. Vitrified flooring together with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building complex known as "PINNACLE" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.	**Rs 66,65,622.73** (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two and paisa Seventy Three) as on 14.10.2023 Plus Interest and Other Charges thereon	**11.03.2026** between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	**Rs. 49,50,000/-** **Rs.4,95,000/-** **Rs. 25,000/-** **Last Day of EMD 11.03.2026 (till 2 PM)**	**Physical Possession**	With prior appointment from Authorised Officer
2	**1) Sri B K Bhagath,** S/o Sri Kalase Gowda, Flat No 06, Landstar Pinnacle, Hirandahalli Village, Rampura Main Road, Avalahalli, Near Geetha Hospital, Bangalore – 560049. **2) Sri B K Bhagath,** S/o Sri Kalase Gowda, Flat No 421, 4th Floor, Block 'B', Landstar Pinnacle, Hirandahalli Village, BidarahalliHobli, Rampura Main Road, Avalahalli, Near Geetha Hospital, Bangalore – 560049. **3) Sri B K Bhagath,** S/o Sri Kalase Gowda, No 17-23/2, Sambashiva Colony, Shad Nagar, Farooq Nagar, Mahbub Nagar, Andhra Pradesh - 509216	**Composite Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of Property converted land bearing Old Sy. No.79, New Sy.No. 79/2, measuring about 1 Acre, Sy.No.80/4, measuring about 23 Guntas, (converted for residential purpose vide Conversion Certificate No. ALN(E) (B)SR:112/2009-10, dated 06/04/2010 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), situated at Hirandahalli Village, BidarahalliHobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, both the lands together totally measures about 1 Acre 23 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the; East by: Land in Sy.No. 78;West by: Land in Sy. Nos. 79/1 and No 80 / 3, North by: Road; South by Land in Sy No. 79/1; **Schedule "B" Property:** 330 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. **Schedule "C" Property:** Flat bearing No. 421, Block-B in the Fourth Floor, Property SL No. 150200400100820305, measuring about 992 Sq.ft. super built-up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building complex known as "PINNACLE" constructed over Schedule " A " Property.	**Rs 45,25,921.87** (Rupees Fourty Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One and paisa Eighty Seven only) as on 09.09.2023 Plus Interest and Other Charges thereon	**11.03.2026** between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	**Rs. 39,60,000/-** **Rs.3,96,000/-** **Rs. 25,000/-** **Last Day of EMD 11.03.2026 (till 2 PM)**	**Physical Possession**	With prior appointment from Authorised Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and online auction portal https://baanknet.com and Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25205427& Mobile 7801069362.

Date: 17.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda, PBB Branch

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **Sunny Motiram Jiandani,** residing at Bangalore do hereby inform to the general public that I have lost the document of Original Sale Deed pertaining to my property, vide Doc. No. 941/-1997-98, which were kept in my house at Cook Town. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 02-02-2026, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, vide Lost Report No. 2040917/2026. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on **8088745880.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to General public that my client Mr.Mohammed Umar, S/o Mr.M.Kamaluddin, Partner of M/s Khalifa Ventures, office at No.70/1, 8th Cross, Tank Bund Road, Bismillahnagar, Bengaluru – 560 029, is interested in Joint Development of the schedule property with its present owners Smt.HALDA DEVANBUM , aged major, W/o Late.D.Martin S/o Late.Devanesan Samuel, along with her children Mr.Pradeep Kumar Martin, Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mrs.Sharon Martin, residing together at No.43/1, Mosque Road, Near V.G.P, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560 005. Anybody objecting the said transaction or having any right, title in the property may lodge their objections or claims with the undersigned along with the supporting documents within 10days of this publication. Any objection received thereafter will not be binding to my client and my client will proceed with the transaction presuming there being no claimants/objectors.

SCHEDULE

ALL that piece and parcel of the immovable property i.e, land together with the residential building standing thereon bearing Municipal Corporation No.14 (Old) New No.43, situated at Mosque Road, Fraser Town, Bengaluru, and within the limits of Municipal Corporation Division No.84, measuring East to West 40 feet or 12.19 mts and North to South 30 feet or 9.14 mts, Total area of the site is 1200sq.ft and further bounded on :

EAST by : Mosque Road,
WEST by : Portion of Property allotted to Mercy B.Luke,
NORTH by: Common passage allotted to the share of Mercy B Luke, Kurbai D's Property
SOUTH by: Conservancy Lane

Sd/- **Sri.R.Mohammed Riyazulla,**
Advocate,
No.20-B, 174/40, Ist floor, Lucky Paradise,
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Bengaluru – 560 011. Ph:-7406225802.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST OF DOCUMENTS

Notice is hereby given to general public that, (1) Gift Deed dated 22-04-1979 (Doc. No. 1404/1979), executed by Sri. Veera Reddy in favor of Smt. Shanthamma, (2) Sale deed dated 11-08-1995 (Doc.No. 4423/1995), executed by Smt. Rathnamma in favour of Sri.Chandra Reddy, pertains to Schedule Property described hereunder has been misplaced and not traceable yet.

If anyone found any of these documents, kindly inform to undersigned. The public is hereby warned not to deal with Schedule Property with any person/s, other than the original owner or their legal heirs.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that, piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **SURVEY NUMBER 232/2C2,** measuring **1 Acre 17 Cents**, situated at **SEVAGANAPALLI VILLAGE** of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu, bounded as:

East : Land in Sy.No. 232/2D1A2 and Sy.No. 234; West : Land in Sy.No. 232/2C1B (old Sy.No. 232/2C); North : Sevaganapalli Village Road; South : Land in Sy. No. 232/3.

Sd/- **Mrs. NEELAM SHEKHAWAT**
No.233, 38th Cross, Nambiar Bellezea,
Narayanaghatta Village, Chandapura -
Dommasandra Road, Near Muthanallur
Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka State-560 099.
Phone : 9999029330
Place: Bengaluru Date : 18.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the General Public that my client FARAZ ZAI S/o Mazher Ali Khan has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 22/10/1982, Registered document No. 2452/1982-83, Book I, volume No.706, at Pages No.36 to 39 in office of sub registrar Jayanagar Bangalore City in the name of his previous Vendors, Vendor by name MRS.SHAHZADIBI, Wife of Ameer Baig executed by Mr.CHINAPPA is lost and all attempts to trace it have failed and E-complaint for lost serial No.2067769/2026 has been lodged on 17/02/2026.

If any person/s has found the above mentioned Original Sale deed dated 22.10.1982, it may be handed over to the undersigned for which they will be rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.47, in converted No.58/1, vide conversion Order No.ALNSR5649, dated 09/11/1971, Situated at New Gurappanapalya (Thavarekere) 35th Division of Bangalore City Corporation Bangalore Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft, bounded East by : Property No.48, West by : Property No.46, North by : Road, and South by : Kaverappa's Land.

AKHIL AHMED .P, Advocate
ASCENT LEGAL INC.,
No.3, 1st Floor, 100 Ft. Ring Road,
Near Water Tank, BTM 1st Stage,
Bangalore-560 029. M - 9880354972
Email-akhilahmed_p@yahoo.com

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DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, D.C. OFFICE

UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT, KARWAR-581301

Ph/Fax: 08382-221170 Email: ka.uttarakannada.dudc@gmail.com

No. DUDC 1 /LWM/CR/2025-26 Date: 17-02-2026

Tender Notification (2nd Call)

The Project Director, Uttar Kannada District, Uttar Kannada, invites tenders from the eligible tenderers for undertaking Bio-Mining, Bio-remediation, Processing and disposal of Legacy waste and reclamation of Land under SWM 2.0 scheme CMC Karwar & Town Panchayat Honnavar **Indent No. DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_ INDENT 49966/Call-2 refer http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Downloading of Tender Documents: **17-02-2026 at 16.00 hrs,** Last date for Queries & Pre Bid Meeting date: **19-03-2026 at 11.00 hrs,** Last Date for uploading the Tender dated: **20-03-2026 at 17.00 hrs**, Opening of Technical Bid dated: **23-03-2026 at 17.30 hrs**, Opening of Financial Bid dated: **26-03-2026 at 11.00 hrs.**

Sd/- Project Director
District Urban Development Cell
Deputy Commissioner Office
Uttar Kannada District, Karwar

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/1105/25-26 dt. 17.02.2026

IN THE COURT OF THE XX ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-32)

P & S.C. No.47/2026

BETWEEN: 1. Jayaram Srinivasan S/o. late Srinivasan N S Aged about 61 years At G-1, Elite Premier No.54 Surveyors Street Near Cool Corner Basavanagudi Bangalore - 560 004 Aadhaar - 9663 7885 6860 Ph.No. 9900864168

2. Raghavan N. Srinivas @ Raghavan Nonavinakere Srinivas S/o. late Srinivasan N S Aged about 63 years At 63, Moore Street Chelmsford MA 01824 United States of America Represented by his GPA Holder Jayaram Srinivasan … **Petitioners**

AND: Nil… Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioners have preferred a petition to this Hon'ble Court (CCH No.32) under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 seeking issue of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner No.1 on behalf of other petitioners with respect to the property left by Smt. Thangamma Srinivasan i.e., mother of the Petitioners, who died on 10/6/2008

Interested parties are hereby directed to appear before this Court in person or by a pleader, duly instructed on the **12th day of March 2026** at 11.00 a.m. to show cause against the petitioners failing which the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Schedule-A

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Reg. Folio No.	Certificate No.	No. of Shares	Distinctive Nos.
1.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-00033	131865	50	12793911 to 12793960
2.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-00033	131866	50	12793961 to 12794010
3.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-00033	131867	50	12794011 to 12794060
4.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-00033	131868	50	12794061 to 12794110
5.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-33	15944	100	1533272 to 1533371
6.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-33	029328	200	3081908 to 3082107
7.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-00033	48629	50	6139780 to 6139829
8.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-00033	48630	50	6139830 to 6139879
9.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-00033	48631	50	6139880 to 6139929
10.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-00033	48632	50	6139930 to 6139979
11.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-33	11848	50	588286 to 588335
12.	Bajaj Tempo Limited	T-33	11849	50	588336 to 588385

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 17th day of February, 2026
By the Order of the Court, Senior Shirestedar City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Madhuri Gaikwad, Advocate
No.23, Ground Floor Seshadripuram 1st Main Bangalore-560020 Mobile. 9880325978

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informs that my Clients Smt. Suvarna C.K. W/o Muralidar P.R. aged about 42 years, Residing at No.33, Sri Balaji Nilayam, 4th Block, 4th Cross, Mallagala Main Road, BDA Layout, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 091, our client is the absolute owner in peaceful, lawful, physical possession and enjoyment of the Property bearing No.33, Sri. Balaji Nilayama, Katha No.17/33, Sl.No.33, Measuring East to West 60 ft. and North to South 40 ft. totally measuring 2400 Sq.ft. along with constructed RCC roofed House Building 65 Squares Building consisting of Ground, First Second Floors situated at 4th Block, 4th Cross, Mallagala Main Road, BDA Layout, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 091, bounded on: **East by** : Road, **West by:** Site No.26, **North by:** Site No.32, **South by :** Site No.34. Having acquired the same through a Regd. Gift Deed dt.10.07.2023 Vide Document No.VJN-1-02906/2023-24 which is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru Regd. on 11.07.2023. After acquiring the above property she has been continued in peaceful, lawful, physical possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owner thereof and she got transferred the katha and other related records in her favour from the concerned BBMP Authorities on the basis of the Regd. Gift Deed referred above. Similarly, our client is the absolute owner of the Property No.246/1 New Municipal No.1/1 PID No.10-15-1/1, Old Municipal No.246/2/1-1, Old No.246/32 measuring East to West 80 ft. and North to South 17.6 Ft. totally measuring 1408 Sq.ft. along with RCC Roofed Commercial Building, bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** APMC Market Yard, **North by:** Conservancy Lane, **South by** : Private Property

And our client is also absolute owner of the property No.220, New Municipal No.8/1, PID No.10-15-8/1 Southern Portion measuring East to West 80 ft. and North to South 17.06 ft. measuring 1400 Sq.ft. along with RCC Roofed Commercial Building both the above properties are situated at Yeshwanthapura Village & Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under BBMP Ward No.10, Old Ward No.44 now GBA. The above said properties were acquired the same through a Regd. Release Deed dt.28.07.2023 Vide Document No.VJN-1-03423/2023-24 which is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru Regd. on 31.07.2023. After acquiring the above property she has been continued in peaceful, lawful, physical possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owners thereof and she got transferred the katha and other related records in her favour on the basis of the Regd. Release Deed referred above and also paying tax to the same to the concerned authorities regularly without any hindrance.

Now it has come to our client notice that some third parties with an intention to make wrongful gain at our client cost and her family members have created/forged some fake documents in respect of the above properties and also pledged/mortgaged an also created third party interest over the same before the Banks/Financial Institutions/Societies/Third parties behind back of our client and are trying to sell/mortgage/GPA and other documents in respect of the above properties in favour of Bank/any other third parties. Without knowledge of our client, Hence, the intending buyers/any third parties of the above properties /public are hereby informed that in the event if any body enter into any sort of sale transactions on the basis of fake/created documents, the same are nothing but illegal one and the at their cost and risk since our client is the absolute/lawful owner of the above property and she has been possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owner thereof, except our client, there were no other third parties have no manner of right, title or interest over the properties in question, our client is not responsible for the same and our client will take suitable legal action against those who are all involved in illegal transactions concerning to the above properties before the appropriate of law.

VEENA RAI .K, Advocate
No.10, 2nd Floor, Sri. Krishna Building, Avenue Road, 1st Cross,
Bengaluru-560 002. Mob No.: 9480182830

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL, SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC, AT ANEKAL

O.S. No. 949/2024

Sri. Narayanappa, S/o. Late. Muniswamappa, R/at No.114, Sidihosakote Village & Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District- 562 106 **...PLAINTIFF**

-V/s-

1. Sri. Narayanappa, S/o Late. Muniswamappa, R/at No.2371, 6th Cross, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru District- 560 079.
2. Sri. G.S Bhat, S/o Shankar Bhat, R/at No.1131, 8th Cross, B Main, 2nd Cross, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bengaluru District- 560 079 **...DEFENDANTS**

Whereas the plaintiff (Narayanappa), has instituted the above suit against the defendants No. 1 to 2, for declaration along with interests and cost, you hereby summoned to appear before the PRINCIPAL, SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC in person or by a pleader on **01/06/2026** at **11.00 AM,** to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under may hand and the seal of the Court on this 17/02/2026.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Anekal

Advocate for Plaintiff:
K.C Ravindra Babu
No.293, Akshara, 1st Floor, 15th A Cross,
7th Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout,
Bengaluru- 560 102.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner viz., **Mr. K. DIVAKAR HEGDE,** aged about 84 years, S/o. Sri. Jagannatha Hegde, Residing at 1006, Sai Sadan, 3rd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru- 79, who has acquired the schedule property through, Registered Sale Deed dated 14/12/2005 Registered in Document No. 18989/05-06 Book-1, and CD No. KEND244 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore. Anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/ details of dispute/s within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel Part of Property Vacant Site bearing No. **78,** formed in converted land **Sy. Nos. 34/1, 35/1, 39/1** and 41, duly converted by the District Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide conversion order No. B.DIS.ALN(S)SR (K.T)136/2003-04, dated 28-04-2004, situated at **Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District measuring East to West 60-0 feet, North to South 40-0 feet, totally measuring 2400 sq. feet,** and bounded on"

East by : Site No. 59, West by : Road
North by : Site No. 77, South by : Site No. 79

The said property comes within the purview of Pattanagere / Rajarajeshwari Nagar Ward, Bangalore.

R.Nanje Gowda, Advocate
34, 2nd Floor, 11th Cross, 2nd Main,
Indiranagar I st Stage, Bangalore-560038.
Ph:9880425906/7829012449

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that my client, is desirous of purchasing the immovable property described below from Mr. Yangiso, S/o Mr. Selva Kumar, who claims to be the absolute owner of the same. Any person or persons opposing the said sale or anyone having any claim, right, title, interest, lien, or encumbrance affecting the said property are hereby called upon to make the same known in writing along with supporting documents to me, the undersigned, within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it will be presumed that there are no claims as such and if any such claim exists and is not disclosed, the same shall be deemed to have been waived for all purposes, and the transaction shall be completed accordingly.

Description of Property

All that piece and parcel of property bearing New Municipal No. 14/1-1, PID No. 29-47-14/1-1, having EPID No. 2901620731, earlier Western portion of Property bearing No. 14, Old Corporation Division No. 19, then 23, situated at 5th Cross Road, Mariyappanapalya, Kempapura Agrahara, Bangalore, now it is coming under the limits of BBMP, Ward No. 120(29), Bangalore Measuring East to West 18-0 feet and North to south 30-0 feet, in all measuring 540 square feet, along with 5 squares residential house with A.C Sheet Roofed, Red Oxide Flooring, Doors and windows made of jungle wood and bounded on:

East by : Remaining Eastern Portion of the Property bearing old Municipal No. 14
West by : Other Property bearing old no.17
North by : Road
South by : Other Property bearing No.16

Sd/- **Navya Shetty Raju,** Advocate,
Solv. Advocates & Legal Consultants
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Place: Bengaluru Date: 18-02-2026

IN THE COURT OF THE XIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH 28) AT BENGALURU

P & SC No. 79/2026

BETWEEN:

1. Smt. Kalpana Mukesh Sanghvi,
W/o. Late Sri. Mukesh. J.S, aged about 64 years,
2. Mr. Deshant. M.S, S/o. Late Sri. Mukesh. J.S,
Aged about 31 years.
3. Ms. Henali. M.S, D/o. Late Sri. Mukesh.J.S,
Aged about 30 years
All are residing at: #45 New No.6,
2nd Main Road, Near Sales Tax Office,
Sripuram, Seshadripuram,
Bangalore-560020. **...PETITIONERS**

AND:

NIL -- ...RESPONDENT

Whereas, the above named Petitioners has filed petition to this Court under section 276 and section 278 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant Letters of Administration in favour of the Petitioners in relation to the suit Schedule property as mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was purchased by Late Sri.Mukesh Jayantilal Sanghavi who is the Petitioner no.1's husband and father of the Petitioner no.2 and 3 who expired on 18.10.2025.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **01.04.2026 at 11.00 a.m** inform to show cause against the Petitioners, failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 6, old no.45 situated in 2nd Main Road, Sripuram extension, Seshadripuram, Ward No.77, Bangalore-560020. Measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 21 feet 6 inches and bounded by:

East By: 2nd Cross Road, West by: Property bearing No.32; North by: Property bearing No.6/1 and South by: Property bearing No.46.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Court, on this 16th Day of February 2026.

By Order of the Court
***Sd/-* Senior Sheristedar**
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Counsel for Petitioners:
Dr. M. Sunil Sastry,
M/s. Sastry & Co.,
New No. 1098 (old No.8), O.T.C. Road,
Nagarthpet, Bengaluru-560 002.

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Left-hander's 31-ball 66 helps Men in Blue beat Netherlands in their last group match

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FOUR wins in as many games. Yet to lose a match in an ICC event since November 19, 2023. It was also their only loss across the last four ICC events. That is the Indian men's cricket team for you as Suryakumar Yadav and Co beat the Netherlands by 17 runs to finish on top of Group A in the ongoing T20 World Cup on Wednesday.

The co-hosts and defending champions were the team to beat when the tournament got underway. They still are to an extent, but the campaign has been far from perfect. They collapsed against the USA before Suryakumar rescued them. Namibia tested them, but Hardik Pandya showed up. Against Pakistan, Ishan Kishan did his part, and versus the Netherlands in Ahmedabad, it was Shivam Dube's turn.

Coming into the match, Dube had already made two cameos — a 16-ball 23 against Namibia and a 17-ball 27 versus Pakistan — down the order. Here, however, a lot more was needed from Dube. Promoted to No 5 ahead of Hardik, when Dube walked in, India had gone through a lull.

With both Kishan and Abhishek Sharma falling early, the Men in Blue did not have the blistering start that they are used to. After nine overs, the scoreboard read 69/3 with a run rate of 7.66. Given the rate at which India had been going into the lead up to the World Cup and even in their previous two games, it was not up to the mark. In the three overs leading up to Dube's entry, India had managed only 18 runs with Tilak falling in the eighth over. The two overs that followed were not easy either, with Aryan Dutt and Kyle Klein keeping it tight. Dube, at one point, was on six runs from 11 balls as the Netherlands threatened to take control of the proceedings. It all changed when Colin Ackermann was brought back.

Dube welcomed him with a massive six over midwicket. He followed it up with a four through the offside and a six over long-on to get going. Just when it seemed like India were gaining momentum, Surya fell. And the over after went in, Hardik was getting his eye in. So much so that after 15 overs, India were only 133/4 and Dube knew what they needed.

Another onslaught began as he took down Roelof van der Merwe for 20 runs in an over. It included two sixes and a four as Dube brought up his fifty in just 25 balls. With Hardik (30 runs from 21 balls), Dube ensured India smashed 60 runs in the last five overs as they finished with 193/6 in 20 overs. Dube, for his part, contributed 66 runs from 31 balls, once again, showcasing the upgraded version of himself at the biggest stage.

Now, it was over to the bowlers who had been the reason behind India's dominance in the global events. Even in this T20 World Cup, India's batting depth and ultra-aggressive approach dominated the conversation, while the true game changers had been Jasprit Bumrah, Varun Chakravarthy and Hardik with the ball. Not to mention the likes of Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav, who quietly add value.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BRIEF SCORES: India 193/6 in 20 ovs (Dube 66, Suryakumar 34, Varma 31; Van Beek 3/56) **bt** Netherlands 176/7 in 20 ovs (De Leede 33, Lion-Cachet 26; Varun 3/14).

Shivam Dube (L) celebrates his half-century on Wednesday | PTI

0, 0, 0 — India's Abhishek issue

GOMESH S @Ahmedabad

Abhishek Sharma walks off the field after being dismissed on Wednesday | AFP

ZERO. DNP. 0. 0. When Abhishek Sharma took strike in the opening game against the United States of America, no one would have expected his scores in the group stage of the T20 World Cup to be made of a binary.

Coming into the tournament, he was the batter to watch. He was expected to dominate the world stage, setting the tone up front. However, he's still waiting for his moment.

Three ducks in as many games. Of course, there are some mitigating circumstances because of the stomach infection he picked up in Mumbai in the first match. It's resulted in a loss of a few kilos. He's had to miss some training sessions, sessions where he would have worked on his game. But, at some point, the team management may be forced into a decision.

In the game against USA, an Ali Khan length delivery was sliced straight into the hands of deep cover. It was potential red flag area for him and USA worked it out perfectly.

He missed the Namibia clash after being hospitalised in the lead-up to the game in New Delhi. When he returned for the all-important contest against Pakistan, the subcontinental rivals had planned out his dismissal with Salman Agha getting rid of Abhishek in the very first over. At this point, concerns loomed over his form. India had just one match to go against the Netherlands in Ahmedabad, and it was the perfect chance for Abhishek to spend some time in the middle and gain some confidence. He needed it. After all, the pressure and expectations of a World Cup are much higher in comparison to bilaterals played on flat pitches. And it showed.

As Suryakumar Yadav won the toss and opted to bat first against the Netherlands in Ahmedabad, it was with one intention. To test the batting line-up and give them some game-time, despite knowing that dew was going to kick in later in the evening. And Abhishek was one of those who desperately needed some runs.

However, when he walked out with Ishan Kishan, it was not his name on the back but that of Mohammed Siraj's. Just before entering, he seemed to have had some issue with his jersey, and with no time to get another jersey of his from the dressing room, Abhishek had to don Siraj's jersey when he took guard against Aryan Dutt.

Even though it was not something planned, it made one wonder whether Siraj's jersey would bring the change in luck that he needed. However, that was not to be. Much like the case in Colombo, he tried to take on the off-spinner, swinging across the line, only to lose his stumps. A distraught Abhishek threw his bat up in disappointment before taking the long walk back. His group stage is over, and Abhishek is yet to get off the mark.

Before the Netherlands match, batting coach Sitanshu Kotak had said that they do not want to over-analyse Abhishek's dismissals and backed him to come good. "... he wasn't well, so he didn't play. In the last game, he got out in the first over. So one thing... we unnecessarily don't over-analyse, because sometimes you only start making a lot of assumptions than the opposition are. So he is someone who has got his plan sorted and he follows the way he wants to and obviously we discuss about the opposition, their bowling, their bowling strength, whatever they've been doing in the last few games they've played," Kotak had said. "I think obviously, Abhishek has made runs in the matches before that. Now in the T20 format, sometimes in 10 balls, 30 runs are just as important. So it's not like he didn't make runs. Honestly, we focus on all the batters or all the players. We don't think that one player didn't get his runs (...)".

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Last hurrah: Navneet set for final tie

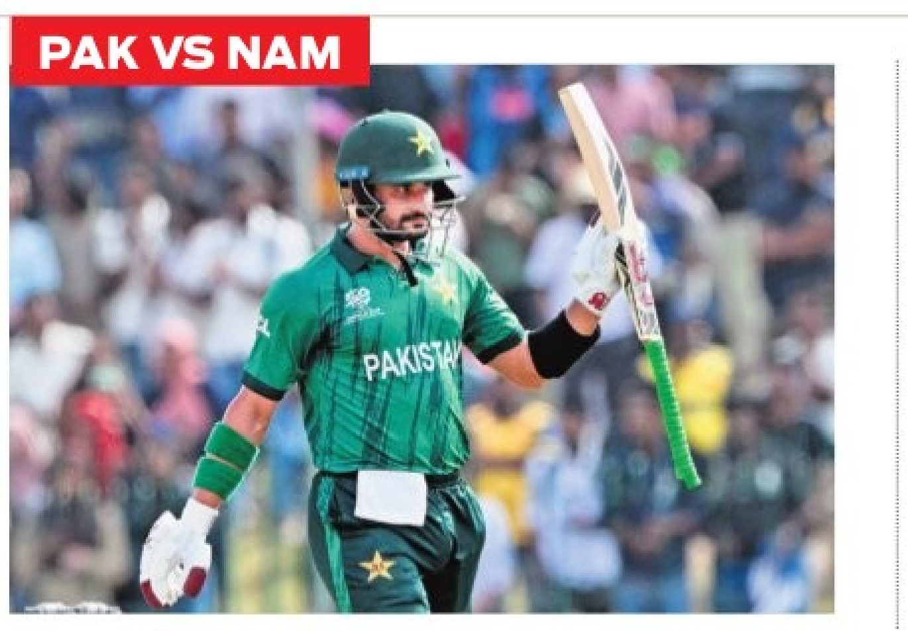
CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

NAVNEET Dhaliwal of Canada could not have announced his retirement at better time. The 37-year-old is going to end his international career spanning 11 years in the country where he grew up playing cricket. And he has chosen the biggest stage — the T20 World Cup — to do so.

On Wednesday, he announced his retirement from international cricket, marking Thursday's final league match against Afghanistan here as his last. "I took the decision before I came here (for the World Cup)," he told reporters on Wednesday. Before reluctantly moving to Canada, Dhaliwal was growing up in Mohali, playing for Punjab's age-group teams. One of the memories that he would cherish is throwing balls to a young Shubman Gill. "His dad came to me, said, 'can you throw a few balls to him? Check him out. Otherwise, he's a little kid with a very good technique'. So yeah, I still remember that." Navneet told this daily before announcing his retirement.

Now, coming back to the country, Dhaliwal ensured that he would leave his mark. It has seen a significant progress as well. **Full story: newindianexpress.com**

PAK VS NAM



Pakistan seal Super Eights berth

COLOMBO: Sahibzada Farhan hit an unbeaten century to help Pakistan seal the final Super Eight berth with a 102-run win over Namibia here. Farhan scored 100 not out off 58 balls with four sixes and 10 fours as Pakistan posted 199-3 before they routed Namibia for 97 in 17.3 overs. Pakistan's victory took them to six points from four games in Group A and eliminated the United States, who finished with four points. **BRIEF SCORES:** Pakistan 199/3 in 20 ovs (Farhan 100 n.o, Agha 38, Shadab 36 n.o) **bt** Namibia 97 in 17.3 ovs (Steenkamp 23; Tariq 4/16, Shadab 3/19).

SA VS UAE

South Africa cruise to six-wicket win

NEW DELHI: South Africa sent a T20 World Cup warning to co-hosts India after romping to a six-wicket win over the United Arab Emirates in New Delhi. After restricting the Emiratis to 122-6 on a pitch enlivened by morning rain, South Africa raced to 123-4 in just 13.2 overs to complete a perfect group phase with four wins out of four. Next up for Aiden Markram's side is a repeat of the 2024 final against India in Ahmedabad on Sunday in their first match of the Super Eights.
BRIEF SCORES: UAE 122/6 in 20 ovs (Sharafu 45, Waseem 22; Bosch 3/12) **lost to** SA 123/4 in 13.2 ovs (Brevis 36, Rickelton 30).

Rashid & Co set to play for pride against Canada

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

Afghanistan are out of the ongoing T20 World Cup due to their inconsistency and inability to up the quality of their game when required in close encounters. The usually-cheerful Rashid Khan, captain of the team, cut a sorry figure. He believed that his team tried their best but at times, their combinations did not work and they failed to click as a unit.

Going into the marquee event, the hopes would have been high for Afghanistan in potentially making it to the Super Eights at least as the matches are being played in the sub-continent conditions where they have good experience.

But it's been a highly disappointing campaign for Afghanistan as they lost to both New Zealand and South Africa. It was the latter which proved a real killer, coming out on the wrong end of a second Super Over. Despite beating UAE, that success unfortunately proved to be too little, too late. Now, they will be playing for pride when they face Canada in a what is dead rubber contest.

Canada haven't managed to win a game so far in Group D and Afghanistan are the clear favourites to win at Chepauk on Thursday evening.

Afghanistan have a lot of variety in their bowling, especially in the spin department headed by Rashid, plus all-rounder Azmatullah Omarzai is also in splendid form.

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BIGGER & BETTER

A LOOK AT THE SUPER EIGHTS STAGE OF THE TOURNAMENT

GROUP 1

■ India ■ South Africa
■ West Indies ■ Zimbabwe

India's schedule

Feb 22: vs South Africa in Ahmedabad
Feb 26: vs Zimbabwe in Chennai
March 1: vs West Indies in Kolkata

GROUP 2

■ Sri Lanka ■ Pakistan
■ England ■ New Zealand

All group 2 matches will be in Sri Lanka

HOW IT WORKS?

- The top two teams from each group qualify for the last four
- As of this moment, India are scheduled to host both those semifinals and final as long as Pakistan don't qualify
- If they qualify, the semifinal scheduled in Kolkata will be in Colombo. If Pakistan win that, the final will also be in Colombo
- Irrespective, one semifinal will be in Mumbai. If Pakistan don't make the final, it will be in Ahmedabad on March 8

TODAY'S MATCHES

West Indies vs Italy @ Kolkata | 11 AM

Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe @ Colombo | 3 PM

Afghanistan vs Canada @ Chennai | 7 PM

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR

With little prep time, CFC ready for 'difficult' test

CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

AFTER a long delay in the start of the Indian Super League (ISL), two-time winners Chennaiyin FC are eager to make most out of little preparation for this season. Clubs had suffered financially due to the impasse, and were forced to suspend operations and Chennaiyin was one of them. After the announcement of the kickoff date (February 14), clubs last month hurried their preparations and tried to make the most of out of the time they had in hand.

Head coach Clifford Miranda felt that the time allotted to prepare may not be enough. "Four weeks is never enough. Especially if you have had a lay-off of more than nine months. It's very, very difficult. So nine times four (weeks) is 36 weeks off. Without the team, it's very, very difficult. And you cannot compensate that in four weeks. But we tried. Of course, we are not at our optimum condition. But we have tried to accommodate and try to adapt to the situation," he said. **Watch Mumbai City FC vs Chennaiyin FC from 7.30 pm LIVE on Sony Sports Network & FanCode.**

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Chennaiyin FC players during a training session | CFC

Ranji Trophy: Sleepless head coach Sharma helps J & K create history

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

FORMER India all-rounder Ajay Sharma has featured in six Ranji Trophy finals for Delhi winning two — one as a player and one as a captain — but he never lost his sleep ahead of the match or during the contest. Much water has flown under the bridge ever since Sharma played his last competitive match.

At 61, Sharma is now head coach of Jammu and Kashmir and helped them qualify for their first-ever Ranji Trophy final in 66 years. But what has never happened during his playing days that lasted for more than a decade happened a few days back with Sharma not able to sleep for the past three days. "I was trying to sleep," Sharma told this daily, realising he has missed quite a few calls since morning after J&K defeated hosts Bengal by six wickets to storm into the final. The five-day final will start on February 24.

"I featured in six Ranji finals and won twice, scored centuries as well but this never happened. Call it anxiety but somewhere that was in mind that if we win this contest, history will be made. We have good players but that history thing might have made me sleepless," he added.

After electing to field, J&K conceded the first innings lead, even if it was only 26 runs. India discard Mohammed Shami ran through their batting line-up claiming eight wickets. That's when they made a memorable comeback, bowling out the hosts for 99 in their second essay. pacer Auqib Nabi, who bagged a fifer in the first innings and scored 42, returned with figures of 4/36 while left-arm pacer Sunil Kumar complimented him well claiming 4/27. "That shows the quality of bowlers we have. I think complacency crept in for Bengal when they took the lead. Also I have heard that they never lost in the semis there, so that must have been in their minds. Our top-order batters might be struggling but the middle-order has been performing quite well. (Abdul) Samad is an excellent player. He missed at least four centuries this season but that's how he plays. Today also he took the game away from the opponents. Nabi has been wonderful for the past two seasons. We didn't have Umran Malik but Sunil Kumar didn't let us feel his absence. Umar Nazir is also there but we use him on red soil. Yudhvir Singh made sure he played a perfect foil to both Nabi and Sunil (...)."

Brief scores: At Kalyani: Bengal 328 & 99 **lost to** J&K 302 and 126/4 in 34.4 ovs (Vansraj Sharma 43 n.o, Abdul Samad 30 n.o; Akash Deep 3/46). **At Lucknow:** Karnataka 736 & 299/6 in 63.5 ovs (Kruthik Krishna 52, Ravichandran Smaran 127, KL Rahul 70 n.o) **vs** Uttarakhand 233.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

J & K players celebrate their win with coach Ajay Sharma on Wednesday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Shiffrin captures Olympic slalom gold

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO: Mikaela Shiffrin is an Olympic champion again after roaring to victory in the slalom on Wednesday to bring an end to her eight-year medal drought on the biggest stage of all. Looming over the starting gate with an 0.82 second lead from her fizzing first run, American star Shiffrin glided down the piste in Cortina d'Ampezzo to beat the world's best technical skiers by a huge margin. Shiffrin was on the verge of tears after claiming the third Olympic title of her career.

Court orders fresh elections in EFI

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday ordered fresh elections in the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) and also called for the constitution of an independent ad-hoc administrative committee to oversee its functioning. The matter was listed at Item No. 4 before Court 14 presided over by Justice Kaurav, who was hearing an application filed by the Union of India seeking the appointment of an ad-hoc administrative committee to administer the affairs of the EFI.

Vani joins Tvesa on top in Pro golf tour

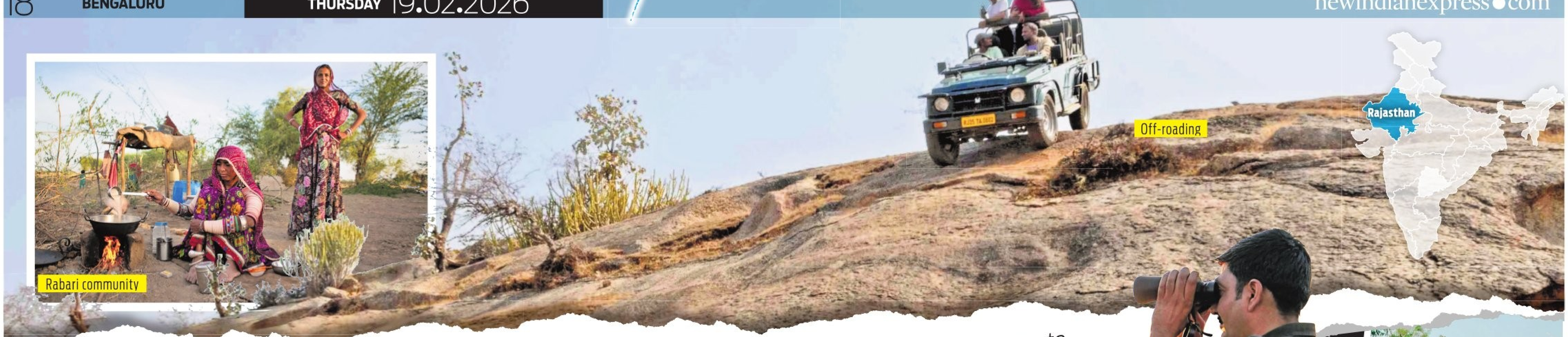
PUNE: Vani Kapoor, winner of the Hero Order of Merit in 2025, joined Tvesa Malik in shared lead after carding a two-under 70 in the second round of the fourth leg of the Women's Pro Golf Tour, here. Ridhima Dilawari, the first co-leader with Tvesa, slipped to tied third after carding 1-over 72. The star of the day was Sneha Singh (67), who had a bogey free round with four birdies in the middle of the round. Sneha, who shot 73 on the first day, is now tied third with Ridhima.

Racism allegations mar tight Real win in CL

PARIS: VINICIUS Junior scored and then alleged he had been racially abused during Real Madrid's 1-0 win away to Benfica in the first leg of their Champions League play-off tie on Tuesday, while Paris Saint-Germain came from two goals down to beat Monaco 3-2. Elsewhere, Galatasaray stunned Juventus, beating the Italians 5-2 in Istanbul, and Borussia Dortmund beat Atalanta 2-0.
Results: Galatasaray **5-2** Juventus; Benfica **0-1** Real Madrid; Borussia Dortmund **2-0** Atalanta; Monaco **2-3** PSG.

Indian Railways to deploy end-to-end cleaning of all coaches with AI-enabled quality monitoring for long journeys

Indian Passport makes a giant leap of 10 places to secure 75th in the 2026 *Henley Passport Index*



BETWEEN ROCKS & ROARS

An escape to the remote **Rajasthan wilderness** of Jawai

Marsh crocodile
Striped hyena
Leopard

Shepherd
Hi-Tea Sundowner

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

DEEP in the rugged Pali district of Rajasthan lies Jawai, a landscape of hills and a sparkling river that defies the typical desert imagery of the state. Popularly called the Leopard Country of India, it is one of the few places on Earth where a high density of big cats live in total harmony with human settlements. When one arrives in this town, the very first question of every visitor, like ours, remains, “but leopards are known for their aggressive behaviour!” The locals, with a smile, assure you that there hasn’t been a recorded human-leopard conflict in the region for over 150 years, despite the cats living just a few hundred metres from village homes.

Unlike the forest-inhabiting leopards usually found in India, Jawai’s leopards are cave-dwellers. They live on the smooth, granite, ancient volcanic, boulder-strewn hills in the Aravalli Range, which were shaped over billions of years. The promising geography of this destination, which makes sightings remarkably common is what brought us to explore and experience this town. Lucky for us, on the very first day here, we not only managed to catch the big cat leaping its way across the hills at dusk in solitude but also caught a glimpse of its little one when the mother, Padma, made her way back home. But that’s not all we spotted!

The area is rich with peacocks, geckos, striped hyenas, sloth bears, Indian wolves and over 300 marsh crocodiles basking on the banks of the Jawai Bandh or the Jawai Dam. Built in 1957 by Maharaja Umaid Singh across the Jawai River in Rajasthan’s Pali district, this structure is western Rajasthan’s largest water reservoir. It serves as a vital irrigation and drinking water source while supporting a thriving biodiversity.

What makes this safari experience stand out is that Jawai offers a distinct, flexible and often less-restricted experience compared to India’s strictly zoned national parks, with no rigid, fenced-off areas or fixed-gate restrictions. As a community-led conservation reserve rather than a national park, it features open, rugged landscapes where tourists can explore freely while maintaining a safe distance from the fauna.

While one might already brush this off as a wildlife spot, let us tell you that Jawai is a premier destination for off-roading and bouldering. The area features intense 4x4 trails, rock crawling and guided, easy-to-moderate trekking on granite hills, making it a hotspot for adventure enthusiasts. Our experiences of off-roading were nothing short of exhilarating. The formations look impossibly smooth, yet the vehicle maintains remarkable grip as it climbs. At certain points, the jeep tilts at what feels like almost ninety degrees, both on the ascent and the descent, making the experience all the more thrilling. It is in those very moments, when your stomach is tied in knots, that you instinctively look beyond the jeep and take in the vastness of the landscape before you. Opting for evening safaris around sunset made our trip even more special. As the sun dipped lower, the hills were bathed in warm golden light, the waters of the Jawai Dam shimmered in the distance and the changing hues of the sky created a truly magical atmosphere. And the cherry on top? Most luxury camps in Jawai conclude the day with a sunset ‘high tea’ served atop one of the region’s striking granite hills — an indulgent pause framed by wild hares hopping about (if you are lucky though).

The true magic of Jawai lies in the Rabari tribe, a semi-nomadic community of pastoralists recognisable by their signature red turbans and white tunics. The Rabaris believe leopards are the guardians of their local deities and temples. They view the cats as sacred; if a leopard preys on their livestock, they often see it as a divine offering rather than a loss to be retaliated against. It is common to see a Rabari shepherd grazing his flock at the base of a hill while a leopard watches from a ledge just above.

During one such outing, we stopped by a villager’s home to learn about their lifestyle and their annual seasonal migrations on foot with their livestock often heading toward Madhya Pradesh and other neighbouring states. The migration usually begins after Diwali as the monsoon grasses in Rajasthan begin to dry up. They stay on the move for 6 to 9 months, only returning when the monsoons hit Rajasthan.

Until about half a decade ago, Jawai remained largely an undiscovered gem. However, the post-pandemic travel boom has cast a sudden spotlight on this once-quiet destination, significantly increasing its popularity and prompting rapid growth in hospitality infrastructure across the region. While this shift brings both advantages and drawbacks for the local community, we chose to experience Jawai at Brij Pola Jawai. Named after the hill beneath which it is nestled — a hill that also happens to lie within a leopard’s territory — the property offers an intimate and immersive stay with just four luxury tents. Guests can savour the most delicious traditional Rajasthani cuisine, enjoy evocative folk performances under starlit skies, village visits, local pottery and so much more at this stay.

BEST TIME TO VISIT	HOW TO REACH	NEAREST AIRPORTS	WHERE TO STAY
October to March & April to June	Nearest railhead: Jawai Bandh Station	Udaipur (145 km) & Jodhpur (170 km)	Brij Pola Jawai, Luxury Jungle Camp

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India’s 1st musical coastal road opens in Mumbai

Visiting Mumbai soon? Experience this road that plays the Academy Award-winning song Jai Ho by AR Rahman as you drive your vehicle

Melody Road

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Travellers wishing to experience a fascinating blend of urban engineering and pop culture, head to Mumbai,which has recently unveiled India’s first Musical Road (also known as a Melody Road) on the iconic Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Coastal Road. This new musical destination is located on the northbound carriageway (travelling from Nariman Point towards Worli). You will encounter it approximately 500 metres after you exit the underground tunnel at Breach Candy/ Worli. It is specifically installed in the first lane (the one closest to the central divider). If you want to hear the music, you must stay in this lane.

But how does it work? The song isn’t played through speakers. Instead, rumble strips or precise grooves have been carved into the asphalt at specific intervals. When your tyres roll over these grooves, they create vibrations that translate into audible musical notes inside your car. The sound is primarily heard inside the vehicle cabin and is designed not to create noise pollution for the surrounding coastal area. To hear the melody clearly, you have to be a bit of a conductor with your accelerator. You must maintain a steady speed of 70–80 km/h. If you go too fast, the song will sound high-pitched and rushed; if you go too slow, it will sound distorted or like regular road noise. Look for official signboards placed inside the tunnel at 500m, 100m and 60m before the stretch to help you prepare your speed and lane position.

While it feels like a tourist attraction, it serves a dual purpose for road safety. It gamifies safe driving by rewarding you with a clear song only if you stick to the speed limit. The vibrations and sound are meant to keep drivers focused and prevent fatigue. What’s even bigger an achievement is that India is only the fifth country in the world (joining Japan, Hungary, South Korea and the UAE) to implement this specific technology, which was developed here in collaboration with Hungarian experts.

AR Rahman

Holi celebrations across Braj

Head to Braj for Holi

Experience India’s traditional 40-day festival that draws tourists from across the world to the towns of Uttar Pradesh...

IN the Braj region of Uttar Pradesh — the heartland of Lord Krishna — Holi isn’t just a day; it’s a 40-day *Rangotsav*, the festival of colours. While most of India celebrates for 24 hours, the towns of Mathura, Vrindavan, Barsana and Nandgaon transform into a living canvas for weeks. The festival officially began on Basant Panchami, with the traditional installation of the *daanda* (festival baton) in temples.

For those who wish to experience the festival, head to the Shriji Temple in Barsana on February 24 for *Laddu Holi* as priests and devotees play with sweets. The next couple of days, that is 26 and 27, Barsana and Nandgaon observe *Lathmar Holi*. Rooted in the legend of Krishna teasing Radha, women of the village defend their territory with *lathis* (bamboo sticks) while men protect themselves with shields. February 27/28 brings in *Phoolon ki Holi* at Vrindavan, where priests shower the crowd with quintals of rose and marigold petals.

March schedules *Widow’s Holi* at Gopinath Temple in Vrindavan, *Holika Dahan* across Braj, *Dhulandi* (Holi with liquid colours) and lastly, *Huranga* (regular Holi) at the Dauji Temple, Baldeo.

Beyond the Holi frenzy, Braj offers a deep dive into spiritual heritage. Explore Mathura’s Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi and the vibrant Dwarkadhish Temple. In Vrindavan, witness the shifting curtains ritual at Banke Bihari Temple and the evening light show at Prem Mandir. Visit Barsana’s hilltop Radha Rani Temple for panoramic views and Nandgaon’s Nand Bhavan to see Krishna’s childhood home. Also, don’t miss an evening *aarti* at Vishram Ghat or savour local *pedas*.

TRAVELLER’S GUIDE

Stay: Book your accommodation in Vrindavan or Mathura 2–3 months in advance. Many hotels sell out by December.

Getting around: Auto-rickshaws are the best way to navigate the narrow, crowded lanes. Private cars will likely get stuck in road closures.

Skin/Hair: Lather yourself in coconut or mustard oil before heading out. It creates a barrier that makes it easier to wash later.

TRAVEL DIARY

Noida Flower Festival 2026 to be held this month

The 38th *Vasant Utsav, Noida Flower Festival* 2026 runs from February 19–22, at Shivalik Park, Sector 33A, from 10 am to 9 pm. This free-entry, 4-day event features vibrant flower displays, a floral tunnel, organic markets and workshops. The festival is organised by the *Noida Authority* to celebrate spring, sustainability and community. Highlights include a 40-foot-high central exhibit, the Kedarnath Temple Replica, a Floral Tunnel Walk, Theme Gardens and more.

This train offers the most beautiful views of Kashmir

The Budgam–Katra special train (Numbers 04688/04687) features a Vistadome coach that offers vistas of the Chenab Bridge (pictured above), the Anji Khad Bridge (India’s first cable-stayed railway bridge) and the Kashmir Valley. The coach is equipped with a glass roof, large panoramic windows and 360-degree rotating seats to provide views of the beautiful scenery.

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DAY'S DIARY

Digital reservation

The computerised passenger reservation system was first introduced by the Indian Railways (IR), on this day in 1986

PRE-DIGITISATION

Earlier, the employee sitting at the ticket windows at the railway stations used to see the number of vacant seats present in the trains and then book tickets accordingly

THE RESERVATION SYSTEM

The Indian Railways rolled out the Passenger Reservation System (PRS) in November 1985 from New Delhi on two trains and expanded over time

DEBUT OF IRCTC

The Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) developed the web front-end for the passenger reservations system in 2002

Happenings in and around B'luru
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A still from *Bridgerton Season 4* featuring Mikhail Sen and Claudia Jessie

With Bengaluru-raised actor Mikhail Sen appearing in *Bridgerton Season 4*, he shares what it's like to be on the sets of the period drama, how his breakout role in *A Suitable Boy* compares and getting a start in the city's theatre scene

THE SUITABLE SUITOR

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

EVER since *Bridgerton Season 4* came out recently, fans of romance have yet again been drawn into the show's world, sighing at dreamy moments in this Cinderella story and wanting to scream at their screens as the secrets and miscommunication build. Amid all the online buzz around the show and part 2 set to drop next week, you've probably seen headstrong and marriage-averse Bridgerton sister Eloise's exaggerated reaction to a suitor's advances becoming a meme. The suitor in question, however, is someone Indian audiences have swooned over in Meera Nair's *A Suitable Boy* – Mikhail Sen.

Although a short and simple role, Sen is clearly fond of Lord Tuss."He is quite a flirtatious, charming suitor who takes a shine to Eloise and is straightforward about it. I think perhaps too forward? The internet clearly thinks it was far too forward, with the reaction becoming a meme," he laughs. Comparing the two period dramas, he shares that *Bridgerton* 'was a world I never really saw myself in.'

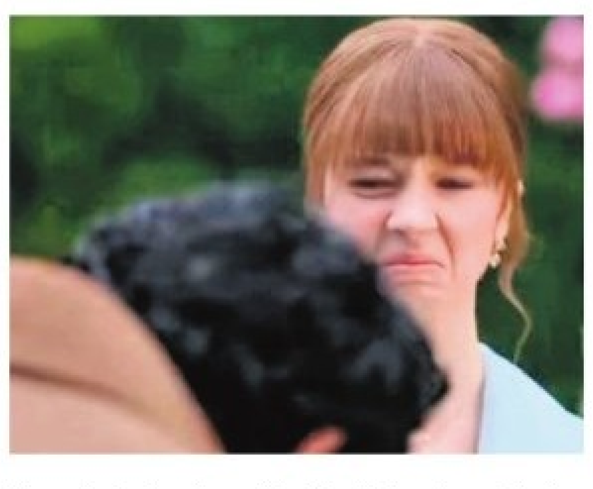
While English period dramas have long been cast with Caucasian actors, the show made waves with a diverse cast since season 1 (2020). Asked if things have changed for actors of colour since *Bridgerton*'s explosive popularity, he responds, "When I watch season 1 of *Bridgerton*, or when I see other people of colour doing brilliantly in roles that are not generic, it fills me with a lot of joy, because it does show that we as a community are getting opportunities to play leading roles. Things have definitely changed. The project I've been working on in the last four months is an example of that, but I don't think it's changing fast enough."

The UK-based actor's involvement in *Bridgerton* was a quick affair, taking about a month from audition to filming in late 2024.

Although his presence on the sets was brief, the actor's favourite part of being in the mega production was the cast, particularly getting to work with fan-favourite Adjoa Andoh, who plays Lady Danbury for the second time. He says, "Claudia (Jessie) is really wonderful to work with, so is Luke Thompson and especially Adjoa Andoh, who plays Lady Danbury because I worked with her on my first project here – *Troilus and Cressida* with the Royal Shakespeare Company in 2018." He adds, "It's quite weird when you go in for only a couple of days to these big sets where everyone knows each other and worked with each other for so many years. It's lovely, but it's like the first day of school – you kind of just want to fit in and get on with everyone."

Sen got his start in Bengaluru's theatre scene, growing up in a home of theatre actors. "I'm a product of theatre, but, for me, acting for the screen and the stage are very different skill sets. But fundamentally, you just have to be believable in any given circumstances. If you're not truthful on stage, then you're definitely not going to be on camera and vice versa," he concludes.

Just last year, after winning Eastern Eye's Best Actor – Theatre Award at the ACTAs for his performance in *The Merchant of Venice* and taking his first short film, *Code Switch*, across the festival circuit, he's currently working on a story set in Bengaluru.



Claudia's 'not-so-thrilled' look as Eloise Bridgerton that has become a meme

As season 4 of *Bridgerton* sweeps us into a world of masked romance and glittering ballrooms, we turn to Bengaluru's past to see how such grand evenings unfolded here giving off similar vibes

Twirl through time

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

WHEN Benedict Bridgerton and Sophie twirled in the grand masquerade ball in season four of *Bridgerton*, capturing viewers' attention with their chemistry, their stunning outfits and taking us to a fantasy version of Regency England – it got us wondering, did glamorous balls like these happen in Bengaluru too? Here's what we learnt from the city's historians.

A still from *Bridgerton*

SHIPFULS OF SUITORS

IN the aftermath of the Battle of Bangalore in 1791, four years before the Regency period started in England, the city was transitioning into a stronghold for the British East India Company and grand balls were the last thing on anyone's mind. The British presence in the city was majorly of soldiers who often settled down with Indian women. However, this began to change when India came under the control of Queen Victoria after the revolt of 1857, with a new crop of eligible bachelor bureaucrats in need of wives. "Once the Queen took over, marrying 'natives' became strictly forbidden. Around this time, with the Suez Canal opening, it became much easier for British women to come to India in what were called 'fishing fleets'. These ships would leave from Southampton full of young, eligible women, with their chaperones looking to find a man in India to marry," explains historian Roopa Pai. Once here, the girls often had a few months to secure a husband and with him, their future. "Somebody [usually a relative] would put them up or they would pay for someone to host them, so they had a brief window. They would attend all the balls, usually in places like Ooty and Shimla, to find someone. Since India was called the jewel in the crown of the British empire, only the top officers were sent here so if you managed to marry one of them, your life was made. The ones who did not find a suitor were given a rather cruel name 'returned empties.'

A ball held at Bangalore Club

The Residency, now Lok Bhavan

Bangalore Palace's ballroom (above) and durbar (below)

WHERE'S THE PARTY?

SOCIAL Clubs that are still active today, such as Bangalore Club, established in 1868 as the Bangalore United Services Club for British officers and Bowring Institute founded in the same year, hosted social balls and dances for their members too. Bangalore Club initially limited membership to British officers. "At these balls, the culture was like the European formal dances, in terms of clothing, etiquette, etc," comments Prasad. But where could the lower-ranked, younger, soldiers go for a good time? Where young Bengalureans go today. Chandran explains, "Dance halls were for the common people – officers would come to MG road while younger officers and soldiers would go to Brigade Road which was a young, more rowdy place." Prasad points to some other places in the area that used to be popular dance halls, saying, "The old police commissioner's office on Infantry Road was once a dancing hall. MG Road housed a bar called 'Funnel', run by an old Irish couple, which was a popular spot for dances, especially during World War I. The BRV theatre building on Cubbon Road was a dance hall too." The YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) dances too were popular events, notes Prasad, elaborating, "People used to stay out late at night, early into the morning for these dances which often had themes like Fairyland, Valentine Ball, Chinatown, etc."

GALA TIME

TWO places that definitely hosted glamorous balls, although centered on diplomacy and politics than debutantes, were Bangalore Palace and The Residency (now Lok Bhavan and once occupied by British Residents to the Kingdom of Mysore). "It was a prominent venue for balls, banquet and ballroom dancing. A separate ballroom, constructed in 1874 for hosting the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII) who visited India, was named 'Serapis Room' after the ship that brought the Prince to Mumbai," says history researcher Arun Prasad. "The pecking order of balls was organised by the status of the individual living in that region. Here, the biggest social event would have been if the resident or the Maharaja threw a ball," adds historian Ramjee Chandran. When it comes to debutante balls hosted by and for the aristocracy to find matches, historians say that if they did take place in one of the city's many large bungalows, information is scarce. However, the scale of parties shown in *Bridgerton* would not have been possible to replicate in the city with the relatively small number of Europeans and the messy dynamics between groups.

BRV building on Cubbon Road

PICS: OLD BANGALORE ON FACEBOOK

STATEMENT OF HIERARCHY

The grand Regency-era balls we see in *Bridgerton* evolved from medieval European court rituals meant to reinforce social hierarchies as Chandran explains, "Women seeking men to marry is peripheral to the business of having balls," he says, adding, "It was a political activity dressed up like glamour, which is why it was so important to the Western world. Who sat where, who danced with whom, who approached whom – it was all a statement of hierarchy. They treated dancing as something that had to have social rules in them. A noble who danced well was seen as highly educated and able-bodied. It was around the time of Louis IV that balls started to become what we see in *Bridgerton* and other period dramas – less political and royal but more social. They began to be held for all sorts of reasons like introducing debutantes, for marriages and alliances, for political occasions, etc."

At its Inclusion Conference, MAP, which turns 3 today, focused on treating accessibility as a non-negotiable institutional responsibility

Talking Inclusion

ANOUSHKA KUNDU

FOR too long, inclusion has been reduced to numbers. How many artistes from marginalised communities are in exhibitions?" wondered Arnika Ahldag, director, Museum of Art & Photography, (MAP), Kasturba Road, calling for institutions to work with communities from the start and to share authority over how stories are presented. This was at the museum's third Inclusion Conference on Saturday. Titled 'Beyond Headcount Diversity', the sessions questioned diversity practices that focus only on representation and attempted to push for structural change within cultural institutions.

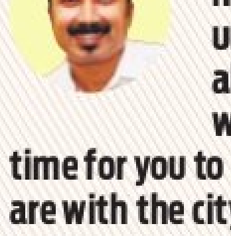
Framing the conversation, Taha Haaziq, secretary, Goa State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, challenged the idea that accessibility depends on visible demand. "If a museum does not have any wheelchair users, will the museum remove the ramps?" he asked. "It's about having these facilities irrespective of the kind of audience." He stressed that inclusion cannot be treated as a matter of choice.

The Open Dialogue panel formed the core of Saturday morning's session. Moderated by Dr Kush Patel of Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, it featured Maniza Khalid of The Queer Muslim Project and Priyanka K Mohan of Tvarita Arts Collective.

Mohan linked inclusion to livelihood and dignity, grounding the discussion in everyday realities faced by performers. "For at least 100 shows, I have gotten dressed in a kitchen or a restroom because they say there's no space," she said, referring to the lack of basic facilities often provided to traditional artistes. Drawing from her work with over 700 artists, many from rural and semi-urban regions, Mohan noted that nearly 70 per cent had limited access to urban platforms. She added that Tvarita has worked to increase remuneration for artistes by up to 40 per cent in certain engagements. Khalid spoke about negotiating space within mainstream cultural platforms. "We're often told that we work with a niche community," she said, referring to The Queer Muslim Project. She pointed out that emerging artistes are frequently slotted into marginal time slots at fests and that advocacy is required to secure equal platforms.

Patel questioned institutional frameworks that rely on metrics. Referring to a pedagogical initiative titled the 'Office of Anti-Inequity', they said exclusions often feel immediate and material and institutions must address resource distribution and power structures. Speakers emphasised that inclusion in the arts requires structural commitment, fair compensation and shared authority.

KNOW YOUR CITY



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

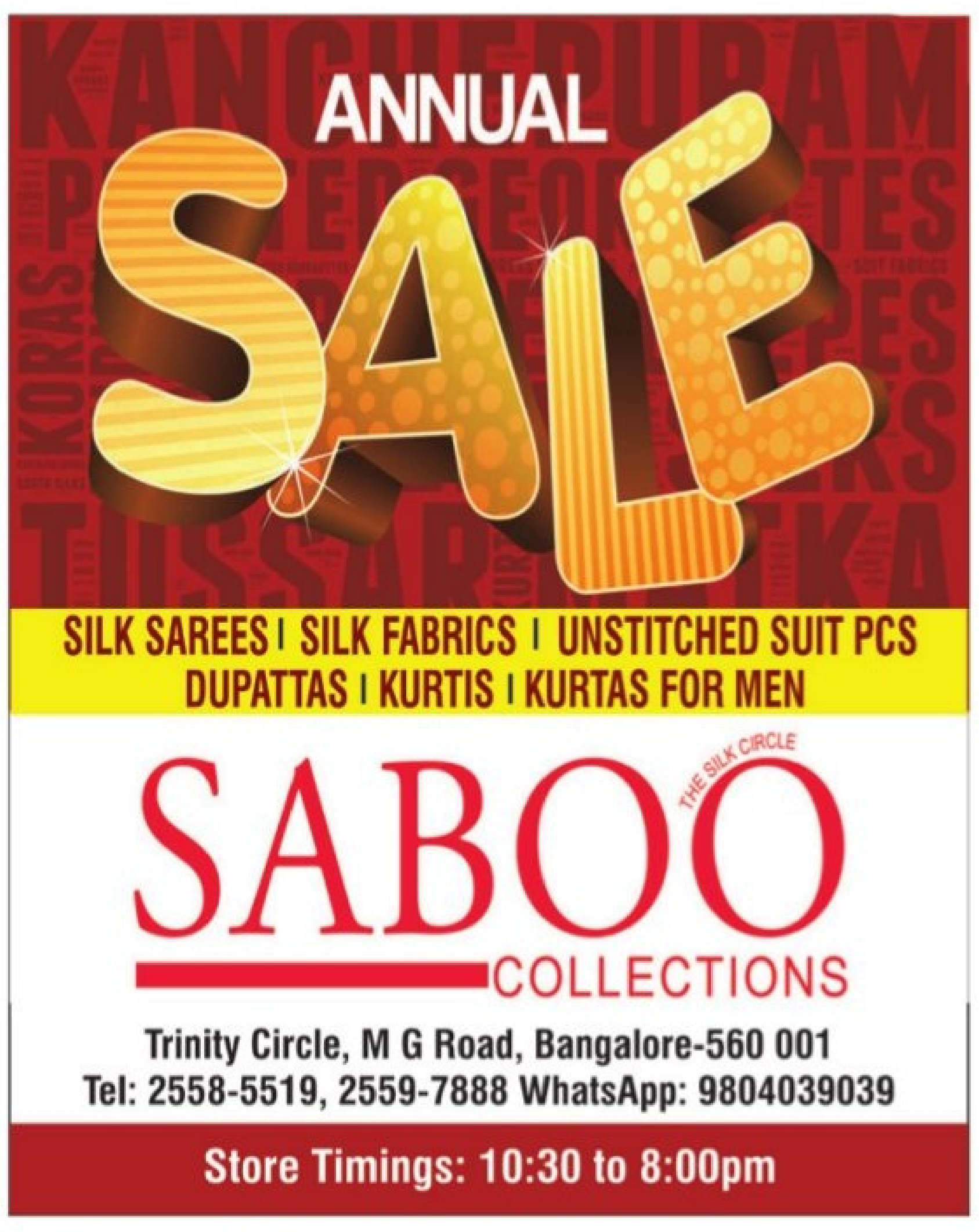
Send answers to **bengaluru cityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1) Sir CV Raman; 2) Sir M Visvesvaraya; 3) Basavanagudi

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Manasi Sundaram; 2) VM Prabhu; 3) Prabhakaran LF



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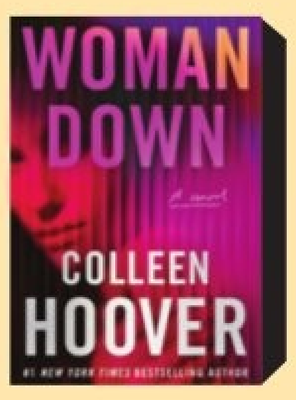
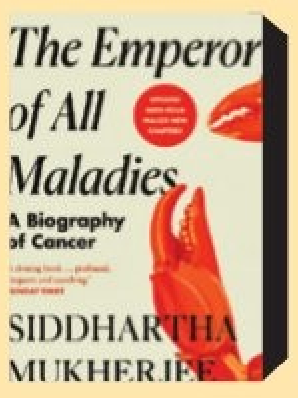


Woman Down

by Colleen Hoover

When Saint starts taking his role in her career a little too seriously, Petra's forced to confront the chaos she created. But doing so could cost her more than the reputation she's been trying to salvage.



The Emperor of All Maladies

by Siddhartha Mukherjee

In this updated edition of Siddhartha Mukherjee's instant classic, four new chapters reveal what has changed in the universe of cancer in the years since the book was first published.

Theo of Golden
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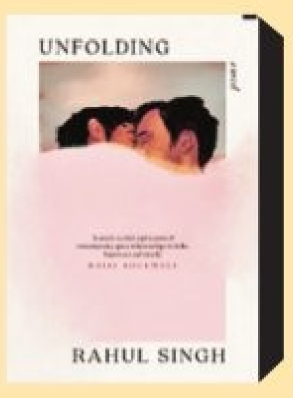
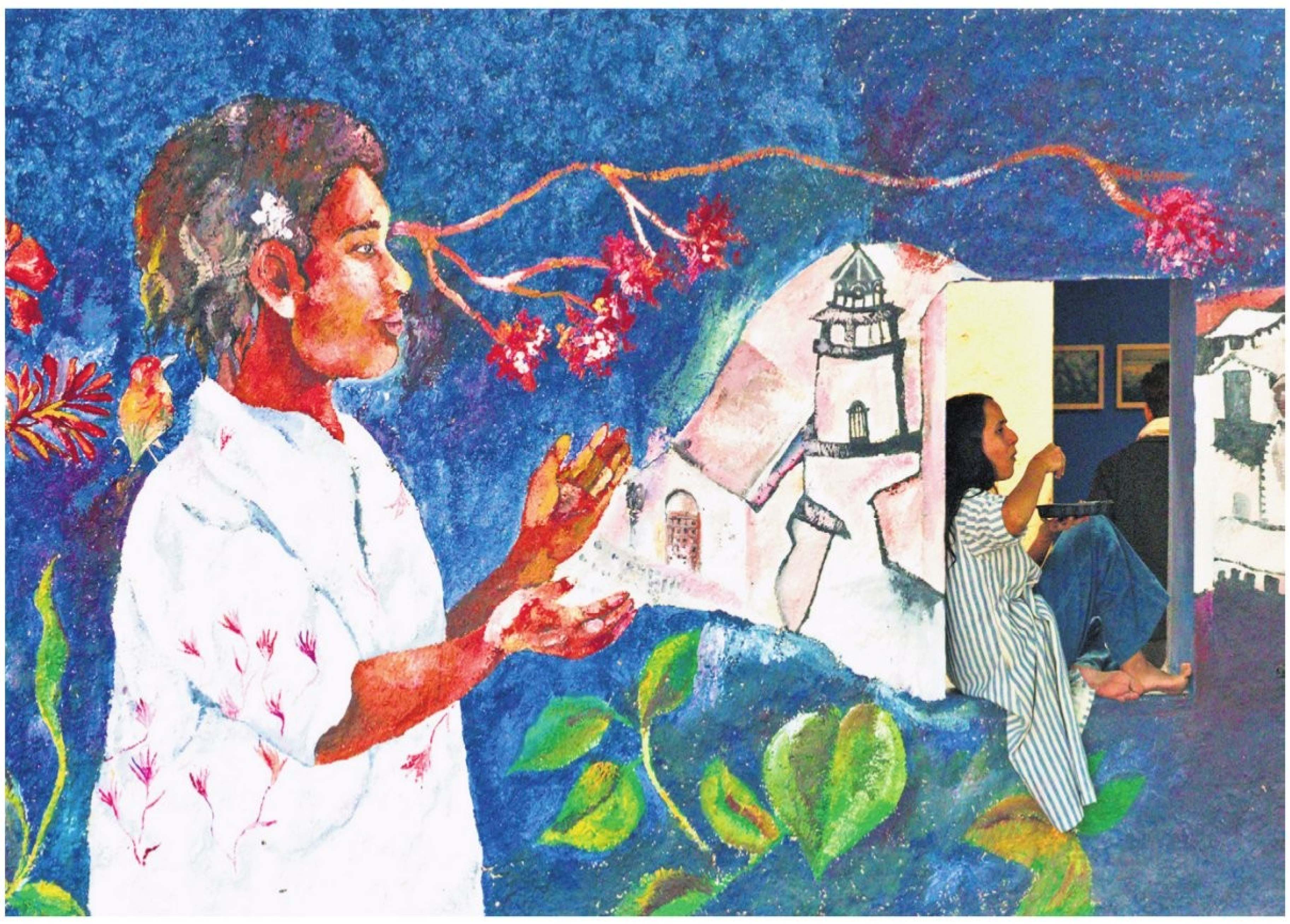
A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, the book is about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another.



Unfolding

by Rahul Singh

A debut novel that follows an affluent homosexual couple in Kolkata and a working-class Muslim mother in the city's slums. It confronts the wayward ways of the heart; it articulates the true price of love; and it tells us what it means to find the road back home.



INSIDE THE BOX

A young girl relishes her meal in a quiet corner, framed by the vibrant wall art at Freedom Park | **KEVIN NASHON**

QUICKFIX

RAVA CUPCAKES

INGREDIENTS

- **Rava (semolina):** 1 cup
- **Oil or melted butter:** ¼ cup
- **Cardamom powder:** ¼ tsp
- **Powdered jaggery or brown sugar:** ¾ cup
- **Milk and curd:** ½ cup
- **Baking soda:** ½ tsp
- **Chopped nuts:** 2 tbsp (optional)

METHOD

- Mix rava, jaggery, curd and milk; rest for 10 minutes. Add oil, cardamom and baking soda; mix gently.
- Fold in nuts if using. Pour into cupcake liners. Bake at 180ºC for 20-25 minutes until golden and set. Cool slightly before serving.

Contributed by **Aashika G,** Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Instinct Menu

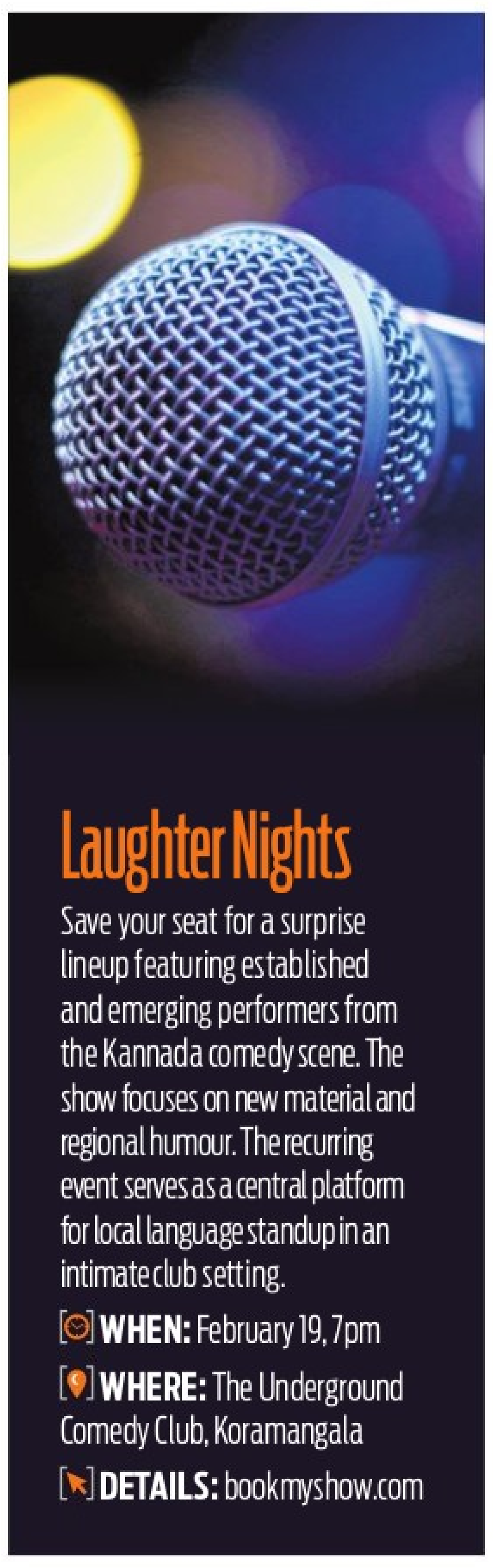
Savour a culinary collaboration centred on wood-fire cooking techniques. Chefs Priyam and Rishab join Chef Rajat Alve in an open kitchen to prepare dishes using only natural flames and smoke. The experience focuses on traditional fire-based methods, removing modern gas shortcuts in favour of raw technique and instinct.

WHEN: February 20, 12.30pm onwards
WHERE: Fireside: Flame Craft Dining, Kalyan Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

Thrill Set

Indulge in a high-energy international production featuring a variety of technical stunts and acrobatic acts. The programme features the Globe of Death, high-speed unicycle balancing, and a world-record hair-hanging performance. The show integrates large-scale visual effects and laser lighting with traditional circus disciplines.

WHEN: February 19-20, 4pm onwards
WHERE: Olympian Circus, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Laughter Nights

Save your seat for a surprise lineup featuring established and emerging performers from the Kannada comedy scene. The show focuses on new material and regional humour. The recurring event serves as a central platform for local language standup in an intimate club setting.

WHEN: February 19, 7pm
WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Dance Sequence

Immerse yourself in a national festival featuring solo performances by five award-winning male gurus. The event showcases four major classical dance forms - Kuchipudi, Kathak, Bharatanatyam, and Odissi as a tribute to the foundations of Indian classical dance. Conceptualised by Sri Gururaju, the performance focuses on the theme of gratitude toward mentors and heritage.

WHEN: February 19, 5.30pm
WHERE: Seva Sadan, Malleswaram
CALL: 98866 87559

Desi Flavour

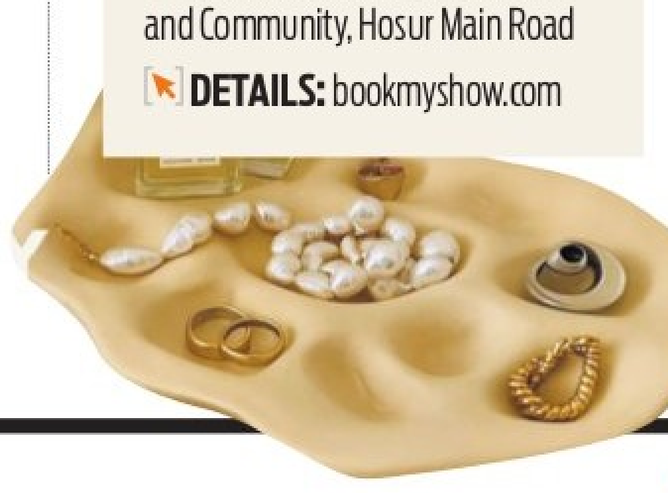
Relish a Kerala toddy shop-inspired dining experience featuring toddy shop classics alongside a house-made, toddy-inspired non-alcoholic drink. The menu highlights include erachi ullarthiyathu, natholi fry, tharavu pepper fry and traditional chammandis.

WHEN: February 21-22, 12pm onwards
WHERE: Coracle at BIC cafe, Domlur
CALL: 96116 52064

Find Your Sparkle

Create your own jewellery holder and add a personal touch to your space in this workshop. Learn the craft of DIY-ing it and keep your valuables untangled and safe.

WHEN: February 19, 2pm onwards
WHERE: Thirdspace Art Cafe and Community, Hosur Main Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Theatre Set

Be a part of a theatre and creativity workshop designed to reduce inhibitions and encourage self-expression. Open to individuals aged 16 and above, the programme covers basic acting techniques and culminates in an informal performance. Participants are also eligible to join the creative community for further intermediate courses.

WHEN: February 19-20, 11am
WHERE: Yours Truly Interactive Space, Indiranagar
DETAILS: urbanaut.app

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The writer is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

How to avoid injuries in the gym

- Warm-up is an integral part of any workout. Every muscle and joint should be warmed up through dynamic stretches for five to seven minutes. You also have to activate the core, glutes and upper back.
- Ego lifting is the fastest way to get injured. A higher load does not necessarily mean building better strength, controlling the load with correct mechanics builds strength.
- The shoulder takes a beating along with the lower back when lifting, so proper execution and alignment is very important. You need somebody who's certified to monitor that.
- Do not increase weight, reps, volume, intensity all at once, do it one at a time so your body can get used to the physiological stress you are placing on it and adapts to it.

ASK AN XPERT

- Overtraining is not a badge of honour. It is unnecessary and leads to stress, which releases cortisol hormones and all your hard work just goes down the drain. 60 to 90 minutes is recommended.
- Get seven to eight hours of sleep, hydration, proper nutrition and scheduled rest days. Wear and tear of joints will happen without proper rest.
- If you experience any sharp stabbing or joint pain, stop immediately. If you have a sprain, wait for 48 hours and see a doctor if pain persists.

FITBIT

HOW TO STAY HEALTHY WHILE LIVING IN A HOSTEL OR PG

Living in a hostel or paying for guest accommodation might be tricky. It brings you freedom, but also responsibilities. These responsibilities might be too much to handle, and your health can take a back seat. Irregular meals, unhealthy snacking, dehydration and skipped workouts can lead to fatigue, weight fluctuations and poor immunity. However, with some smart planning and mindful habits, it's possible to stay energetic, nourished and focused throughout this phase of life.

SMART EATING AND MEAL PLANNING

1) Batch Cooking Made Practical

- Batch cook healthy staples twice a week rather than once to ensure food stays fresh and doesn't spoil in shared fridges.
- Cook basics like brown rice, boiled eggs, grilled paneer or chicken, and simple sautéed vegetables and store in airtight containers.

2) Build Balanced Meals

- When eating hostel or mess food, aim for a mix of protein, carbohydrates and vegetables.
- Wraps or sandwiches made with whole-wheat bread or rotis, cooked veggies and proteins (eggs, paneer, chicken, beans) are quick and balanced.

3) Healthy Snacking Systems

- Swap chips and sweets for nutrient-rich options like roasted makhana, dry fruit laddoos, roasted chana and nuts-and-seeds mixes.
- Keep rolled oats or granola with yogurt handy for filling snacks that support focus and steady energy.

HYDRATION AND FRUITS

- Hostel living often leads to chronic dehydration; aim for plenty of fluid intake (3-4 litres spread throughout non-fasting hours).
- Carry a reusable water bottle, and add lemon, cucumber or mint for flavour.
- Choose easy-to-eat fruits such as bananas, apples, oranges, grapes or pears – no refrigeration needed.

FITNESS BASICS

- Regular bodyweight exercises (squats, planks, lunges, push-ups) require minimal space and are effective for maintaining fitness.
- Short breaks for stretching or brisk walking help combat long hours of sitting.

LIFESTYLE

- A tidy room supports better sleep, digestion and stress levels, cleaning regularly can reduce illness and improve focus.
- Staying healthy in a hostel or PG is about building smart, sustainable habits rather than perfection. With simple meal planning, mindful snacking, adequate hydration and regular movement, it's possible to feel energetic, eat well and stay fit.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

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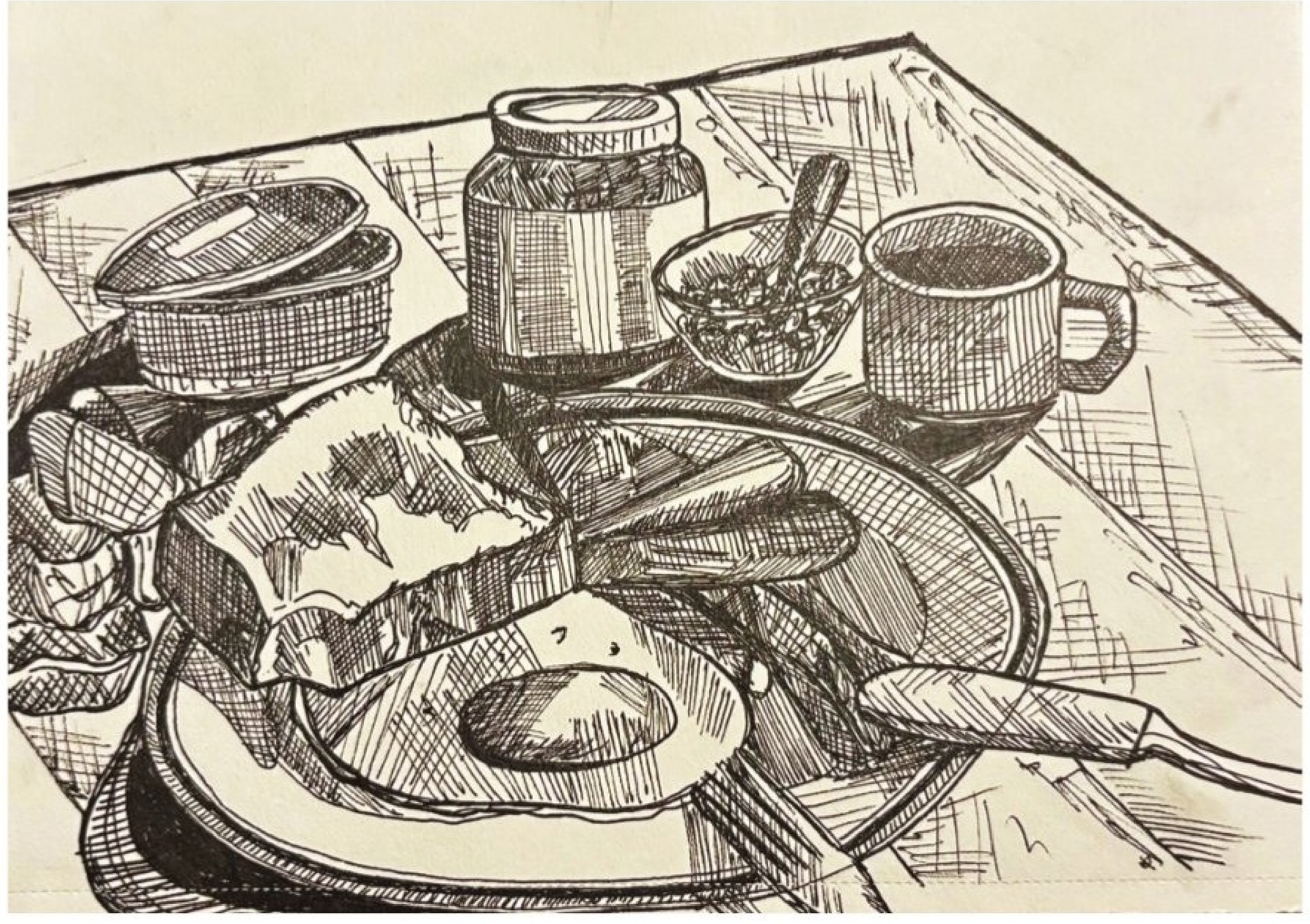

MORNING TABLE

This Pinterest-inspired sketch by Bengaluru-based artist Vedika Thorat, depicts a still of a typical breakfast table

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WHY INDIAN SKINCARE SCORES OVER KOREAN ROUTINES

BACK TO NATURE

From ancient rituals, natural ingredients and holistic care, know all about Indian skincare which offers radiance beyond trends

SUPARNA TRIKHA
The columnist is a beauty and nature care expert

TRADITIONAL Indian skincare and Korean skincare are both celebrated across the world, yet they emerge from different beauty philosophies. Korean beauty is admired for its modern innovation, multi-step rituals and the pursuit of luminous 'glass skin.' Traditional Indian skincare, however, carries an ancient legacy, rooted in Ayurveda, botanical richness and the art of nurturing the skin as an extension of overall wellness.

While both traditions offer value, Indian skincare is often the more beneficial choice for those seeking holistic and sustainable radiance.

Nature's benefits

One of the most exquisite strengths of Indian skincare lies in its use of revered, time-honoured ingredients drawn from nature's most precious offerings. Turmeric, sandalwood, saffron, neem and multani mitti have adorned beauty rituals for centuries. These botanicals are naturally abundant in antioxidants, anti-inflammatory compounds and healing elements that soothe sensitivity, refine pigmentation, and restore clarity. Another advantage is Ayurveda's personalised elegance. Every individual possesses a unique doshic constitution – Vata, Pitta, or Kapha – and skincare is curated accordingly. Cooling rose and sandalwood calm fiery redness and irritation, while nourishing oils such as almond or sesame envelop dry skin. This bespoke approach creates a ritual of balance and refinement, far more intuitive and enduring than generic routines shaped by global trends.

Unlike the often elaborate Korean routines involving numerous layers of toners, essences, serums and masks, Indian rituals embrace fewer, more versatile preparations. A single ubtan – an herbal blend once cherished by royal brides – can cleanse, exfoliate and illuminate the complexion in one luxurious step. Similarly, facial oils serve as moisturisers, protectors and age-defying elixirs. This minimal yet potent approach feels indulgent while remaining gentle and respectful of the skin barrier.

Climate suitability

Developed under the Indian sun, Indian skincare ingredients are ideal for humid environments where heavy layering can feel excessive. Korean skincare, often designed for colder weather, focuses intensely on hydration and multiple product layers, which may not always translate seamlessly to Indian conditions.

Perhaps the most opulent aspect of Indian beauty traditions is it's holistic philosophy. Skin is viewed as a reflection of inner harmony. Practices such as herbal infusions, mindful nourishment, yoga, oil massage and seasonal self-care are woven into the ritual of radiance. This inside-out approach creates a glow that is not manufactured, but cultivated – lasting, graceful and deeply authentic.

While Korean skincare offers modern elegance and innovation, traditional Indian skincare provides an ancient luxury of healing, personalisation, simplicity and soulful wellness. For those seeking timeless beauty that transcends trends, Indian skincare remains the most beneficial and truly regal path to radiant skin.

NUGGETS

Hospital launches integrated Institute of Cancer Care and Blood Disorders

Sakra World Hospital, Devarabeesanahalli, recently launched its integrated and advanced Institute of Cancer Care and Blood Disorders, a centre aimed at delivering technology-enabled cancer and haematology care. It was inaugurated in the presence of the chief guest, Aravind Limbavali, Former Minister of Forest, Government of Karnataka, and former MLA. The institute aims to bring together end-to-end oncology services, critical care and advanced surgical specialities, supported by modern diagnostics and multidisciplinary tumour boards with a focus on organ-specific oncology, minimally invasive and robotic surgeries, chemotherapy and much more.

Walkathon promotes community ties

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), Karnataka Chapter, marked the culmination of Walkathon 2026 recently at Cubbon Park, Nunegundlapalli, Ambedkar Veedhi. The event gathered over 80 participants from various industries as they embarked on a guided 3–5 kilometre walk. By pairing participants, the walkathon encouraged discussions, allowing professionals to connect beyond formal meetings – followed by a networking session over breakfast.

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I, **(OLD NAME) AMRAVATI YADAV**, mother of NO.16118391W, L/NK, BRIJESH KUMAR YADAV, residing at Emali Mahva (Vill), Ramapura (Post), Phulpur (Tehsil), Azamgarh (Dist), UTTAR PRADESH (State), PIN: 223225, Have Changed My name to **(NEW NAME) AMARAWATI YADAV** And **DOB** from **01.07.1963** to **01.01.1965** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.09.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

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I, **ARSHEEN ARSHI MOHAMMED IQBAL SHAIKH**, W/o Shebeer Ahamad R/o No. 241, Ground Floor, Michael Palya, 1st Stage, 4th Cross Indiranagar, Bengaluru – 560038, have permanently changed my name from **ARSHEEN ARSHI MOHAMMED IQBAL SHAIKH** to **ARSHEEN ARSHI MOHAMMAD IQBAL SHAIKH**, vide affidavit dated 18/02/2026, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MALLESHAPPA HANUMAPPA BEVINAMARAD**, S/o Hanumappa Bevinamarad, R/o No. 3171, 1st Floor Anughrana Nilaya, 1st Block, SMV Layout, Bengaluru – 560056, have permanently changed my name from **MALLESHAPPA HANUMAPPA BEVINAMARAD** to **MALLAPPA HANAMAPPA BEVINAMARAD**, vide affidavit dated 18/02/2026, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Kuldip Singh Rekhi** Residing at No.001, Green View Apartment, No.13, 13th "A" Main, HAL 2nd stage, Bangalore -560008 have changed my name to **Kuldeep Singh Rekhi** vide affidavit dated:17/2/26 sworn before Notary Ramesh D Shah, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **LAKSHMIKANTH R** and **R. HIMA BINDHU** husband and wife, residing at DS Max Serenity Apartment, Flat No. 413, A1 Block, 4th Floor, NGR Layout, Roopena Agrahara, Bommanahalli Bangalore-560068 hereby state that in our minor daughters **MOHITHA L** and **JNANITHAA L** school record the Fathers's name is mentioned as **R LAKSHMIKANTH** instead of **LAKSHMIKANTH R**, Mother's Name is mentioned as **HIMA BINDU** instead of **R HIMA BINDHU** and daughter name is mentioned as **JNANITHA L** instead of **JNANITHAA L.** Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 14-02-2026 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GANGADHARA M.V S/o M.M. Vasanth aged about 39 years residing at No. 21, Santhusapet, Chickpet, Bangalore 560053 mentioned in Aadhaar as GANGADHARA M V, in Pan Card as M.V. Gangadhara and in Demat account as GANGADHARA . Hence M.V.GANGADHARA, GANGADHARA M V and GANGADHARA are one and the same person. Sworn Before Notary Onkarappa N.R. vide affidavit dtd 02.01.2026

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HUSSAIN ZAI MALIK IRSHAD ALI KHAN S/o. Hussain Zaimalik Maqbool Ali Khan, R/a #30, 9th Main, Maruthi Layout, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore- 560029 Declare that my Wife's Correct Name is **HUSSAIN ZAI MALIK SAIRA KHANAM** But my Wife's Name has been recorded without her first three names in my Passport bearing No. **E5721123**, issued at Bangalore, Date of Issue: 06-10-2003, as **SAIRA KHANAM** instead of **HUSSAIN ZAI MALIK SAIRA KHANAM.** Henceforth, She will be Known as **HUSSAIN ZAI MALIK SAIRA KHANAM** only. Vide affidavit dated: 17.02.2026 sworn before Notary Mohammed Hussain. K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Deepali Agarwal, D/o. Vasudev Agarwal, R/at No. 1121, Prestige Westwoods, Minerva Mill Compound, Gopalapura, Binnipete, Bengaluru - 560023, Karnataka, India, I have changed my name from **DEEPALI VASUDEV AGARWAL** to **DEEPALI AGARWAL**. Vide affidavit dated 11.02.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary H S Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAMACHANDRA GOWDA.T. S/o Thimmappaiah resident of No 66. 3RD Main Road, Sanjeeveninagar,. Moodalapalya, BANGALORE - 560072, have changed my name from **RAMACHANDRE GOWDA.T** to **RAMACHANDRA GOWDA.T,** vide affidavit dated 18/2/2026 sworn to before B Prasanna Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SYED MALLIKA NAZIA JAHAN**, Wife of Ali John Shaik, Aged 35 years, Residing at G 064, SJR Palazza City, Near to Wipro Corporate Office, Doddakannelli, VTC: Bangalore South, PO: Carmelaram, Sub District: Bangalore South, District : Bengaluru, State : Karnataka, PIN Code: 560035, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MALLIKA NAZIA JAHAN** to **SYED MALLIKA NAZIA JAHAN** vide affidavit dated 17.02.2026 sworn to before Ganesh Gowda .M.V, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AAYERA FATHIMA,**
D/o. V.I. Jabiulla, Aged about 19 years, Residing at No. 448, 7th Cross, Balaji Krupa Layout, R.K. Hegdenagar, Dr. Shivramkaranth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 077, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AAYERA FATHIMA** to **MARYAM ZAINNAB**
vide affidavit dated 17.02.2026 sworn to before K.V. Bachi Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **B. LEKHRAJ DHAMU**, Aged about 38 years, S/o. Babulal Dhamu, Residing at No. 54, "Vishwakarma Nivas", 12th Cross, Ayyappa Block, Manorayanapalya, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 032, do hereby declare that, **B. LEKHRAJ DHAMU** and **B. LEKHARAJ DHAMU** both names are one and the same person. I always used in practically used names as **B. LEKHRAJ DHAMU** vide affidavit dated 17.02.2026 sworn to before G.B. Turamari, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MUDDEGOWDA,** S/o Sri Venkataramanappa, R/at No. 50, Muddanna Legacy, Muddayanapalya, Sir M V Layout, 7th Block, Bengaluru-560 091 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MUDDEEGOWDA** to **MUDDEGOWDA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MUDDEGOWDA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SALONI JAIN**, resident of Flat No. 16122, Tower 16, Prestige Lakeside Habitat, Varthur Main Road, Gunjur, Bengaluru-560087, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JAIN SALONI PRAKASH** to **SALONI JAIN,** vide affidavit dated 18.02.2026, sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GRANTH .H,** S/o Sri Harish Kumar, age 18 years, R/at ETA 9 F, Flat No. 802, 8th Floor, Near Binny Mill, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GRANTH .H** to **GRANTH BHURAT,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GRANTH BHURAT** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P. ANURADHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LAKSHMI S D**, W/o H N Srinivasaiah, age 73 years, R/at No.80, 2nd Cross, Nrupathunga Nagar, J P Nagar 8th Phase, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 078 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LAKSHMI SRINIVAS** to **LAKSHMI S D,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **LAKSHMI S D** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA.J.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Geetha.S**, aged 34 years, W/o Mr. S.Jeevan, Narasimha Rao, R/at No.20, "Narve Links", 3rd Floor, Link Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore.

I declare that my maiden name is "GEETHA.S", D/o Mr. Sathyanarayan and that I have been married on 22.11.2007 to Mr.S.Jeevan Narasimha Rao & after my marriage, I had assumed my name as "NAVYA J.RAO" and whereas I have decided to retain my name as "GEETHA.S" and henceforth in all my records, Marriage Certificate, Bank and Signature, Aadhar Card, Voter ID and any other documents evidencing my name, shall be known and recorded as **"GEETHA.S"** only. vide affidavit dated 28/03/2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary Manohar Jeerige, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. D.K. SANDARSHINI,** W/o Mr. Arjun D.A, D/o Mr. D.S. Krishna Murthy, age 40 years, R/at No. 238, Varsha Rutu Road, (formerly Veerabhadra Swamy Temple Street), Gavipuram West, Hanumanthanagar Ward, Bengaluru-560 019 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **LIKITHA .D.A** to **LAYANA SHRI .D.A,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **LAYANA SHRI .D.A** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAVEEN TAJ AYUB,**
(Old Name) aged about 60 Years, W/o. **AYUB KHAN** Residing at No. 91, 1st Cross Anepalya, Neelasandra Viveknagar Post, Bangalore - 560047.
Have changed my name to **NAVEEN TAJ** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 18/2/2026 Before Notary **A.R.Muneer Ahmed** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANITHA @ AKKAYAMMA,** W/o Raghupathi, age 39 years, R/at NO. 398, Shivakote Site, Bangalore North, Shivakote, Bangalore-560 089 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **ANITHA** and **AKKAYAMMA** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ANITHA @ AKKAYAMMA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. SULAKSHANA** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MEGHANA CHYTHANYA,** D/o Chythanya Kumar,a ge 43 years, R/at Flat No. 2176, Tower-2m, Prestige Lake Ridge Apartment, Yadalam Nagar, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore-560 061 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **PARVATI MEGHNA CHAITANYA** to **PARVATI MEGHNA CHAITANYA,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **MEGHNA CHAITANYA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M.V. SHANKAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MITHAN SOMAIAH,** R/o No. G3 UP Haven, 2nd Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MITHAN SOMAIAH KARINERAVANDA** to **MITHAN SOMAIAH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MITHAN SOMAIAH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KUMAR @ P.B. KUMAR,** S/o Basappa, age 76 years, R/at No. 12, Maruti Layout, Tarabanahalli, Hesaraghatta Road, near Shani Mahatma Temple, Bangalore-560 090 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KUMAR** and **P.B. KUMAR** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KUMAR @ P.B. KUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. SULAKSHANA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GIRISH M, S/o. late. Muniraju, residing at #284, Dr. Raja Gopal Road, Nagashettihalli, R M V Extension II Stage, Bengaluru 560094, have changed the name of my father from **MUNIRAJU** to **MUNAIAH**, vide Affidavit Dated:16/02/2026, sworn before Notary **N.NARAYANA SWAMY,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **Mr. THANGAMADASAMY NARAIPANDIAN** and **Mrs. SATHYA SELVI T,** both R/at Neni Classic, Flat No. 201, 45 KFG Munireddy Layout, 5th Cross, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru-560 048 do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from **T NITHARSAN** to **NITHARSAN THANGAMADASAMY,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **NITHARSAN THANGAMADASAMY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAKESH B PATEL** S/o Arjun Patel Residing at No.55, Kankanagar Main Road, Margondanahalli, K R Puram Post Bengaluru-560036. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **RAKESH KUMAR PATEL** to **RAKESH B PATEL** vide affidavit dated.17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Y R Chandrasekar** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAMESH R,** R/at #B1, 1st Floor, H R C Heaven Apartment, near Vinayaka Temple, Hagadur, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560 066 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAMESHA R** to **RAMESH R,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAMESH R** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. PUTTARAJU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHETAN M R PATEL** S/o Manilal R Patel Residing at No.55, Kankanagar Main Road, Margondanahalli, K R Puram Post Bengaluru-560036. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **CHETAN M PATEL** to **CHETAN M R PATEL** vide affidavit dated.17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Y R Chandrasekar** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED SHADAB LARI,** R/o No. MB2-311, Astro Maison Douce, Near Radha Reddy Layout, Doddakannelli, Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru-560 035 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **AMINA LARI** to **AMINA SHADAB LARI,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **AMINA SHADAB LARI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HETAL C P PATEL** W/o Chetan M R Patel Residing at No.55, Kankanagar main road, Margondanahalli, K R Puram Post Bengaluru 560036. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **HETAL CHETAN PATEL** to **HETAL C P PATEL** vide affidavit dated.17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Y R Chandrasekar** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VISHAL GARG,** S/o Garg Vinod Satnarain, R/at No. 2A UKN Miraya Grantt Vithal Mallya Road, Bangalore-560 001 do hereby declare that I have changed my name **VISHAL VINOD GARG** (old name) to **VISHAL GARG** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **VISHAL GARG** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KKANTHA PATEL** W/o Manilal R Patel Residing at No.55, Kankanagar Main Road, Margondanahalli, K R Puram Post Bengaluru-560036. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **KANTHA M PATEL** to **KKANTHA PATEL** vide affidavit dated.17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Y R Chandrasekar** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DHRUVV PATEL** S/o Rakesh B Patel Residing at No.55, Kankanagar Main Road, Margondanahalli, K R Puram Post Bengaluru - 560036. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **DHRUV RAKESH PATEL** to **DHRUVV PATEL** vide affidavit dated.17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Y R Chandrasekar** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **REYA R PATEL** W/o Rakesh B Patel Residing at No.55, Kankanagar Main Road, Margondanahalli, K R Puram Post Bengaluru-560036. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **RIYA R PATEL** to **REYA R PATEL** vide affidavit dated:17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Y R Chandrasekar** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SMT. LEELA.M @ NEELAMMA S/o Late G.N.Ananda, aged about 52 years, residing at #81, Suvarna Nilaya, Gottigere, Bangalore 560083, hereby declare that
SMT. NEELAMMA and
SMT. LEELA.M
Both the names are belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as
SMT. LEELA.M
vide affidavit dated: 18.02.2026 before Advocate and Notary Muniswamy .T, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, POORNIMA W/O LOKESHWARA SOMASETTYHALLI RUDRAIAH, Residing at F F 5, SAI VIHAR APARTMENT, 80 FEET RD PATTANAGERE, RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR, BENGALURU-560098. KARNATAKA INDIA. DO HERE BY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM **POORNIMA LOKESHWARA** TO **POORNIMA.** HENCEFORTH, I SHALL BE KNOWN & CALLED AS POORNIMA FOR ALL PURPOSE. VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 14/02/2026 SWORN BEFORE NOTARY BY JALANDHARA, BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUMANA ACHAR W/O NARAYAN BHAT, Residing at ANEGUNDI PLOT, HALIYAL, UTTARA KANNADA-581329. KARNATAKA INDIA. DO HERE BY DECLARE THAT BOTH THE NAMES I.E, **SUMANA** and **SUMANA ACHAR** ARE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON REFERS TO ME ONLY, NOW I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **SUMANA ACHAR.** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 14/02/2026 SWORN BEFORE NOTARY BY JALANDHARA, BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AMEER MOHAMED HASSAN,
resident of No. 114, Indira Cottage,
Channapatna Town-562 160,
Bangalore South Dist.,
Karnataka State,
have changed my name to
A MOHAMMED HASSAN
vide affidavit dated: 17.02.2026
before advocate and notary
A.R. Nagendra, Channapatna Tq,

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LAXMINARAYANA BARMA** S/o Dinanath Barma Residing at MG Car Wash, Margondanahalli Bengaluru - 560036. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **LAXMI NARAYAN BARMA** to **LAXMINARAYANA BARMA** vide affidavit dated.17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Y R Chandrasekar** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. MANJU RAMSISARIA** W/o Late Sri. Shiv Kumar Ramsisaria, age about 64 years, R/at Flat No. D-1404, Brigade Millennium, Laburnum Block, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560 078 do hereby declare that my correct name is **MANJU RAMSISARIA,** but in my Passport, my name is mentioned as **MANJU RAMSISARIA SHIV KUMAR RAMSISARIA** instead of **MANJU RAMSISARIA,** they added my husband name as surname, vide affidavit dated 17th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MEENA KRISHNA KUMAR**, W/o S.Krishna Kumar, R/at No.2, Kirloskar Colony, Kurabarahalli Main Road, 1st Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079, declare that my name is recorded as **MEENA R** in my SSLC record and other Educational documents, **MEENA KRISHNA KUMAR** is mentioned in my Bank and official documents, **SHIVANI R KRISHNA KUMAR** mentioned in property documents, and **MEENAA KRISHNA KUMAR** mentioned in my Marriage Certificate and my children Passport. So, all names **MEENA R, MEENA KRISHNA KUMAR, SHIVANI R KRISHNA KUMAR, MEENAA KRISHNA KUMAR** and are one and the same and belongs to me only. Hence forth, I shall be known and called as **MEENAA KRISHNA KUMAR** in all future purposes vide affidavit dated 13-02-2026, sworn before Notary Ratna R, Bengaluru.

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'MAARNAMI HAS THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS FOR A GOOD LOVE STORY '

Chaithra Achar and Ritvvikk Mathad share how the characters, the setting, and the journey behind the film shaped their performances and connection to the story

A SHARADHAA

FOR Chaithra Achar, it is the roles that take her forward, sometimes even across languages. Known for Saptha Sagaradaache Ello, the actor says it is the story that guides her choices, not just the medium.

On whether working in other languages have made her choosy about Kannada films, she says, "Not really," and adds, "I am looking at quality scripts, selecting the best I can, and seeing how much time I can accommodate. I am going through a lot of scripts and even planning to work in short films."

Chaithra will next be seen in Maarnami, directed by Rishith Shetty and produced by Shilpa Nishanth and Nishanth Muniswamaiah. The film, releasing on February 20, pairs her with Ritvvikk Mathad, who is making the transition from theatre and television to cinema. Ritvvikk hopes Maarnami will be his breakthrough.

Talking about how he landed the role, Ritvvikk says, "We have worked in serials together and had a good rapport. The director felt I had the capacity. I always wanted to do a good film, and when Rishith discussed the story and script, it became our dream to make this film. From there to finding a producer, and reaching this point, has been a journey."

Interestingly, the director wrote Chaithra's character with her in mind. However, she initially waited two months due to a date clash with her Tamil debut 3BHK. "I didn't want to keep them waiting, but everywhere I went, people spoke about Maarnami and felt I was the perfect fit. I didn't want to let go of a good script. When the dates worked out, I agreed," she says.

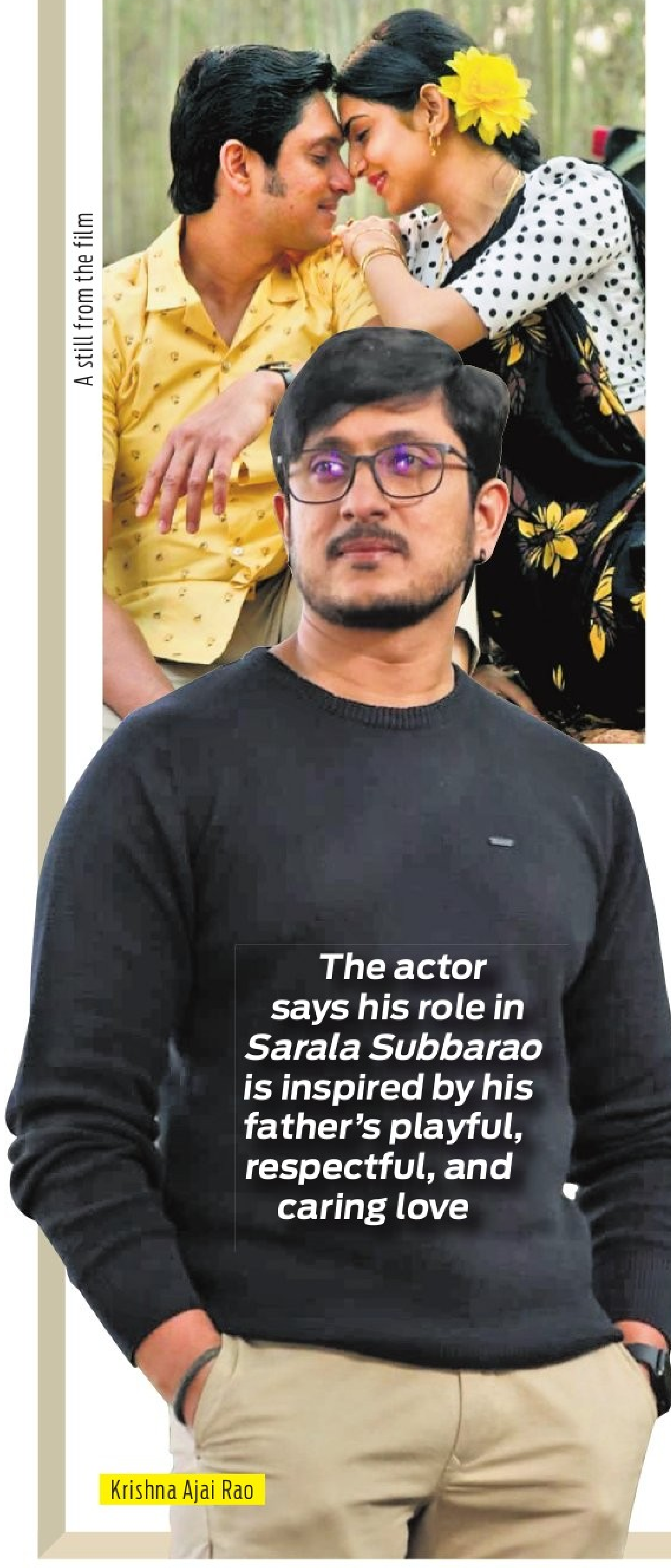
She adds, "Having a character written for you is overwhelming. It feels like an acknowledgement of your work, more than an award. It is also a responsibility. I hope I have done justice to the character." Ritvvikk agrees, "Only Chaithra could play this role."

Set during the Dasara festivities in Mangaluru, Maarnami tells a simple yet layered love story. "Chetu and Deeksha feel familiar, yet their journey into love and its complexities makes it interesting," says Chaithra. "They are not like us, which makes portraying them both challenging and satisfying."

Ritvvikk adds, "There are at least ten boys like Chetu and five girls like Deeksha around us. The story is simple, but real." He also credits the director and a slang workshop for helping bring authenticity to their performances.

Talking about the experience, Ritvvikk says, "Having worked with Rishith from the start helped me step into the role smoothly. Inputs from him added value." Chaithra concludes, "I am enjoying the process of cinema, meeting people, and being part of stories that stay. I am excited to see Maarnami in theatres, it has the right ingredients for a good love story."

Subbarao is a reflection of my father: Ajai Rao



A still from the film

The actor says his role in Sarala Subbarao is inspired by his father's playful, respectful, and caring love

Krishna Ajai Rao

CE FEATURES

KRISHNA Ajai Rao, known for his long association with love stories, steps into a different emotional space with *Sarala Subbarao*, a film set in a bygone era and directed by Manju Swaraj. Slated for release on February 20, the film pairs him with Misha Narang and features a strong supporting cast including Rangayana Raghu, Narasimha Shastry, Veena Sundar and Rishika Naik.

"Time and again, I have been associated with love subjects, but the setting of the 1970s makes it unique. The kind of purity they had in love during those times, that innocence, is what makes *Sarala Subbarao* interesting," he says.

The film is based on a once-trending novel by celebrated writer Triveni. For Ajai, that literary backing was a major draw. "This is my second film based on a novel. Earlier, I did *Green Signal,* based on Yandamuri Veerendranath's work, and now this. Triveni is a big name. Noted directors like Puttanna Kanagal have adapted her novels and succeeded. When filmmakers come with the thought of bringing a novel to the screen, I cannot say no. It is also my support for Manju Swaraj and producer Lohith Nanjundaiah for their vision."

However, Ajai is quick to add that not every novel can translate directly to cinema. "A novel has its own strength. Not everything here is exactly as in the book. With permission from Triveni's daughter, certain changes were made. Making a film exactly like the novel is not possible."

Set in the 1970s, the film revisits a culture of quiet romance. "It is nostalgia. Cinema has the power to take today's generation into the past. It may feel like fantasy, but people will understand the power of love. This film shows how a husband looks after his wife during pregnancy. That is the beauty of *Sarala Subbarao*." The film also touches upon the sensitive subject of C-section deliveries at a time when such procedures were not commonly accepted. "The climax will leave you with a small curiosity," he hints.

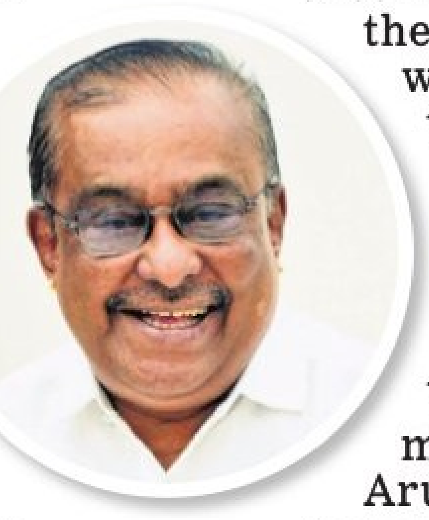
What makes the role deeply personal is the inspiration Ajai drew from his own father. "I have seen my father and mother live a very romantic life. I have never seen him raise his voice at her. As children, we never even understood what a husband and wife's fight meant. When I played Subbarao, I mirrored my father. I mimicked his playfulness, his respect, and the way he cared for my mother. Subbarao is a reflection of my father."

He also recalls his father's Yezdi bike, which he has preserved as a memory. "I brought him into my role. Ultimately, I was glad because while shooting, I saw my father in me," Ajai signs off.

Veera Kambala is a tribute to Kambala's spirit of valour: Hamsalekha

CE FEATURES

KAMBALA, the traditional buffalo race of coastal Karnataka, holds deep cultural significance in Tulunadu. With *Veera Kambala*, veteran director Rajendra Singh Babu builds a narrative around the sport, portraying it not merely as spectacle but as a tradition shaped by history, faith and community pride, rooted in the lived realities of the region.



The trailer was unveiled by noted composer Hamsalekha, who used the occasion to reflect on his long association with the director. He described art as something ageless, and viewed *Veera Kambala* as an artistic tribute to the spirit of valour that Kambala symbolises. His remarks lent the event a reflective tone.

The trailer captures the raw energy of the sport with striking visuals of buffaloes racing through slushy tracks, vast paddy fields, and charged crowds cheering from the sidelines. Alongside the spectacle, it introduces intense characters, hinting at rivalry, legacy, and personal stakes. Addressing the media, Rajendra Singh Babu spoke about the origins of the story and the research that went into recreating the world of Kambala. He acknowledged the contributions of his collaborators, including Tulu theatre personality Vijay Kumar Kodialbail, as well as researchers who provided detailed insights into the tradition. He also hinted at a dramatic layer in the narrative, an unexpected connection between the rural sport and the Mumbai underworld, suggesting that the film blends cultural rootedness with elements of intrigue.

Produced by Dr Vinita Vijay Kumar Reddy and Arun Rai Todar under Baba's Blessing Films, *Veera Kambala* features Prakash Raj and Ravishankar in prominent roles, with Radhika Narayan appearing in a special role. Several noted artistes from Tulu theatre further lend authenticity to the film's milieu.

Music is composed by Manikanth Kadri, with the screenplay and dialogues by Vijay Kumar Kodialbail. The film will release in both Kannada and Tulu and is scheduled to hit theatres on February 27.

Of Stories & Strategies

Netflix India Vice-President of Content, Monika Shergill, speaks about the streaming giant's plans for the year, the conscious shift towards softer genres, and more

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

NETFLIX recently released its content slate for 2026. It's a mixed bag this year with the OTT service offering everything from legal dramas to historicals to feel-good romances. Netflix veteran Saif Ali Khan has two films coming up: *Hum Hindustani*, a feature revolving around the country's first elections and *Kartavya*, a crime drama where he plays a cop for the first time since *Sacred Games* (2018). Anil Kapoor and Vijay Varma are also set to go head-on in *Family Business*, helmed by Hansal Mehta. Madhuri Dixit and Triptii Dimri are teaming up for the first time with the crime-comedy *Maa Behen*. In another first, big screen stalwarts Sunny Deol and Akshaye Khanna are making their web debut with the film *Ikka*. In the backdrop of the slate, we spoke to Monika Shergill, Netflix's India Vice President of Content, about the OTT giant's plans for the year, how they decide which shows deserve subsequent seasons, the drive to take on new genres, and more.

Excerpts:

- **It might be a tough choice, but personally, which upcoming project are you most excited for**

That's always the hardest question, and I am sorry to disappoint you. Like every year I really have no answer for that because these are such wonderful creative partnerships with all the creators, and they are in such different spaces. From working with the Indian Air Force to put together *Operation Safed Sagar*, to working with Anil Kapoor for *Family Business*. Madhuri (Dixit) is coming back on the service with *Maa Behen* with Triptii Dimri, who was a Netflix find. Or having Vikrant Massey in *Musafir Cafe*, that too where he is turning producer with *Terribly Tiny Tales*, who are known for their short format content on social media. Ektaa Kapoor is coming with *Lock Upp*, a first-of-its-kind captive reality series and you will see a Netflix take on it. Saif Ali Khan has two films in the slate this year, *Hum Hindustani* and *Kartavya*. People often say that Netflix is not doing this or that, but actually, that's not true. We are adding newer genres.

- **How does Netflix decide which series will get a sequel or subsequent seasons?**

Season twos are a combination of several factors. You have to have outstanding love from the viewers. Who will program anything which is not watched by people?

- **But If we only go by audience response, isn't that going down the road of being repetitive with no scope for experimentation?**

We want the stories to be successful, the creators to taste success, and the audiences to be entertained. That is the most important reason why you make something, right? There's a limited set of people who want season 2 of shows that didn't work. They have a very limited view on experimentation.

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- **The 2026 slate has a lot of films and series leaning towards softer genres like love and comedy. Was it a conscious shift?**

Actually, not just this year, we have been slowly getting more intentional about it. Last year, there was *Aap Jaisa Koi* and a couple of others. So, yes, we have been wanting to program more on relationships because in a world which is getting more and more virtual, relationships are actually the one thing that bring hope, connection and warmth. We need stories of relationships and of love.

Simone Ashley to star in A24's comedy drama

CE FEATURES

LAURA Dern and Simone Ashley are joining the cast of *Peaked*, which is backed by A24. Also joining the cast are Levon Hawke, Mitra Jouhari, and Gabby Windey, reported Deadline. Peaked is directed by actor Molly Gordon, who is known for her role in The Bear. Gordon has written the script along with Allie Levitan. Gordon and Levitan are also part of the cast of Peaked along with Emma Mackey.

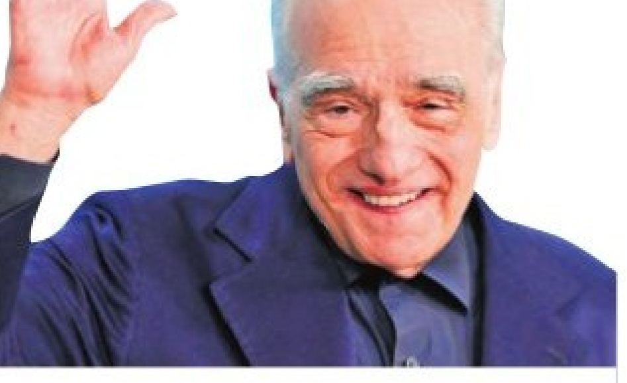
Levitan is serving as executive producer on the film. Meanwhile, Gordon is serving as a producer along with David Hinojosa and Zach Nutman. Shooting for Peaked is set to begin next month.

Martin Scorsese enters *Star Wars* universe

CE FEATURES

A RECENT trailer for *The Mandalorian* and *Grogu*, revealed that director Martin Scorsese will be joining the film. Scorsese will be voicing a shopkeeper who interacts with Djin Djardin/*The Mandalorian*, who will be played by Pedro Pascal, reprising his role from *The Mandalorian* series.

While the plot details of The *Mandalorian* and Grogu are yet to be revealed, it is a continuation of the streaming series. The film is directed by Jon Favreau, who has directed *Ironman* (2008).

Favreau also serves as a producer on *The Mandalorian* and *Grogu* along with Dave Filoni, Kathleen Kennedy, and Ian Bryce. The cast of the film also includes Sigourney Weaver and Jeremy Allen White as Rotta the Hutt, son of Jabba the Hutt.